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HSIN WAH INQUIRY DISCLOSURE.

WHAT THE RADIO TAPE REVEALED.

CORONER SUGGESTS REFUSAL TO TAKE MESSAGE.

SEAMAN QUESTIONED.

Striking evidence bearing on the allegations of distress calls from the Hsin Wah disaster, was submitted to the Coroner (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) when the inquest concerning the tragedy was resumed this morning.

The witness was Mr. F. A. Kemp, telegraph engineer in the Hongkong Government Service, who handed the Coroner translations of everything that appeared on the tape, both at Waiwan and at the Radio Telegraph Office, showing all that transpired on the morning of January 16th.

There was no "Repeat" between three and four o'clock, but there were several "Repeats" on the 4.42 a.m. message.

After examining the translations, Mr. Lindsell suggested that there seemed to have been a refusal on the part of the operator at R.T.O. to take down the message, but Mr. Kemp said he did not think so.

Mr. Kemp admitted there was some delay in taking the 5.20 a.m. message, but expressed the opinion that it could not have been a long one.

Quartermaster's Evidence.

The next witness called was a quartermaster of the s.s. Hsin Wah, who gave a detailed description of the scenes on board the vessel after the ship went aground. This witness, a Shanghai Chinese, named Sze Po-lum, said that he was on duty on the bridge from midnight to two o'clock in the morning on January 16. His shift was of four hours, two of which was to be spent on the bridge and two in the wheel house below, where he stood by to wait for orders.

It was explained to the Court that there was a wheel on the bridge deck and one in the chart room or wheel house. At the time, between midnight and four o'clock in the morning, the Second Officer, a man named Kwok, was on duty.

At 2.25 a.m., witness said he was sent by the Second Officer to go and read the log. This he did and reported that the reading was then 124 miles.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said that from the wheel house it was not possible to see ahead, and at that time, witness did not see the Waiwan light. A few minutes later, however, the Waiwan light came into view.

Witness could not say if the Second Officer, after the light was sighted, called the Captain. There were two companion ladders and if the Second Officer had descended from the bridge it was possible that witness might not have seen him.

Asked whether the Second Officer would have sent for the Captain or gone himself, witness replied that the officer would have gone himself, as that was the usual practice.

When Ship Struck.

When the ship struck, witness was still in the wheel house. It was then between 3.30 and 3.40 a.m.

In answer to the Coroner, witness explained that, as far as he was aware, there was no perceptible change in the ship's course. At 2 a.m., when witness left the steering, the course was West by south half South.

Immediately before the grounding, witness explained, he was in the wheel house, where he could not see ahead, and therefore could not realize if the ship was in a dangerous position or not.

As soon as the grounding occurred, witness went midships and roused the crew. Having done that, he went on the bridge where he assisted with the sending up of blue lights. The Captain was on the bridge, as was the other quartermaster who was on duty, but witness added that he did not see the Second Officer.

Continuing his story, the quartermaster said he went to No. 3 lifeboat, which was already (Continued on Page 8.)

CHANNEL TUNNEL PROJECT.

BARON D'ERLANGER GIVES DETAILED SCHEME.

INTERESTED MEETING.

London, Jan. 30. The very real interest that is being taken in the Channel Tunnel project was illustrated to-day when a meeting called by the Parliamentary Committee dealing with the matter was attended by over a hundred Members of Parliament.

Sir William Bull was in the chair, and Baron D'Erlanger, the senior partner of the famous engineering firm Erlangers, was specially invited to be present.

Baron D'Erlanger estimated the cost of the tunnel at £30,000,000, which would, he said, include the cost of a drainage tunnel, twelve feet in diameter, which would have to be built first and would take two and a half years, and then the cost of complete twin tunnels from coast to coast.

These would be twenty feet in diameter and would take four years.

Sir William Bull said that the construction of the tunnel would be jointly undertaken by two companies, one British and one French, while there would be a third holding company with the League of Nations.

An executive committee was appointed to examine all objections to the scheme.—*Reuter.*

GENERAL BOOTH'S INJUNCTION.

HIGH COUNCIL'S MISTAKE IN REFUSING HEARING.

JUDGE'S SUMMING-UP.

London, Jan. 30. General Bramwell Booth has succeeded in his first measure against the decision of the High Council of the Salvation Army to remove him from office, his claim for an injunction being granted by Mr. Justice Eve in the Chancery Division, the injunction to stand until the Council had listened to what the General had to say.

Summing-up, Mr. Justice Eve expressed the opinion that the High Council had made a mistake, doubtless quite innocently, by not giving General Booth an opportunity of attending personally or by representative to explain why he resisted the Council's attitude.

This mistake could be righted as the High Council had not yet broken up.

The injunction, therefore, must be limited in order that there should be nothing to prevent the Council from immediately rectifying their mistake, and ultimately adjudicating in the matter.

He granted the application on these terms, and it is anticipated that the High Council will resume its sittings at Sunbury Court within a few days to give the General an opportunity of stating his case.—*Reuter.*

ENGLAND'S TEAM FOR FOURTH TEST.

CHAPMAN RELYING ON SAME ELEVEN.

Adelaide, Jan. 31. The team to represent England in the Fourth Test which opens here to-morrow, will be:

A. P. Chapman (captain), J. C. White, D. R. Jardine, Hobbs, Sutcliffe, Hammond, Hendren, Larwood, Tate, Geary, and Duckworth.

The eleven is precisely the same as that which defeated Australia in the Second and Third Tests.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN & JUGO-SLAVIA.

London, Jan. 30. In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that no special instructions had been issued to the British representative in Belgrade regarding relations with the new regime in Jugo-Slavia.—*British Wireless.*

FAREWELL NAVAL REVIEW.

ADMIRAL TYRWHITT'S DEPARTURE.

NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ARRIVES.

AN AERIAL DISPLAY.

The somewhat rare spectacle of massed detachments from the Royal Navy was seen at Happy Valley this morning when a Naval review was held in connexion with the departure of Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, who is being relieved by Vice-Admiral A. K. Wastell.

The review was in the nature of a farewell parade and constituted a somewhat novel event for Hongkong, though, of course, there have been similar parades in conjunction with the Army and Royal Air Force in connexion with the King's Birthday.

At the time the review was being held the new Admiral was arriving on the P. and O. s.s. Macedonia, having left England on December 28. Vice-Admiral Wastell is accompanied by his staff consisting of Paymaster Commander L. C. Ayre, Paymaster Lieutenant Commander Isaac, Paymaster Lieutenant Bailey, Paymaster Lieutenant Proctor and Lieutenant Evans. No ceremony attached to his arrival to-day but to-morrow the Admirals will exchange salutes.

BRITAIN AND TREATY REVISION.

Government Considering the Whole Subject.

NOTHING PROMISED.

London, Jan. 30. Britain's attitude to China's claims for treaty revision was partly disclosed in the House of Commons to-day, when, at question-time, the Foreign Secretary was asked whether the Government proposed to open negotiations for the revision of existing treaties with China.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the Government was now giving consideration to the whole subject.—*Reuter.*

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Striking Flag To-morrow.

The flag of Vice-Admiral Wastell will be hoisted in H.M.S. Cornwall at eight o'clock to-morrow morning and will be transferred to H.M.S. Kent, the flagship, at sunset. The flag of Vice-Admiral Tyrwhitt will be struck in the Kent at sunset to-morrow.

There were a fair number of spectators at the Valley this morning, consisting largely of Naval and Military officers. There was, however, a good number of local residents present.

When Vice-Admiral Tyrwhitt arrived at ten o'clock, accompanied by the Captains of the County cruisers and other warships in harbour, the men on parade, numbering about a thousand, were drawn up in three battalions.

Three Battalions.

The first battalion consisted of "A" company, H.M.S. Kent, "B" company, H.M.S. Cornwall, and "C" company, H.M.S. Suffolk. All companies in this battalion consisted of three double platoons, the men being drawn from three County cruisers now in harbour.

The second battalion consisted of "D" company, H.M.S. Hermes, "E" company, H.M.S. Flotilla, and "F" company, Eighth Destroyer Flotilla and Sloops. These companies consisted of two double platoons.

The third battalion consisted of Royal Marines drawn from all ships.

Vice-Admiral Tyrwhitt was greeted by His Excellency, Major General C. O. Luard, General Officer Commanding, and the (Continued on Page 9.)

HOTEL MYSTERY.

YOUNG FRENCH LADY FOUND DEAD.

EARLY MORNING ALARM BY HUSBAND.

POLICE INQUIRING.

An element of mystery would appear to surround the death of the St. Francis Hotel, of a French lady resident who was found dead in her bed early this morning.

The name of the lady is given as Madame Marsily, and she is stated to have been an attractive young woman about 35 years of age.

First news of her death was given by Monsieur Marsily, described as her husband, who at about 5.50 this morning came out of the room which the couple were sharing and informed the management of the Hotel that his wife had succumbed.

The police were immediately summoned and after they had carried out investigations the body was removed to the Mortuary, where, we understand, a post-mortem examination is to be held to discover the cause of death.

The couple arrived at the Hotel on December 4th, coming, it is stated, from Saigon. They took Room 206, without board, and had from time to time made day trips to Canton, Macab and other nearby ports. Last night, they ordered a meal at about 8 o'clock, and subsequently, they retired.

The first news of the lady's death came when the husband reported the occurrence to the Hotel management. It is stated that the deceased lady was formerly associated with Madame Clerget in a dress-making business in Hongkong.

This morning, the husband attended at the Central Police Station to give information on the affair, and we understand that police investigations are still proceeding.

THE KING.

SLOWLY GAINING IN STRENGTH.

NOW OUT OF DANGER?

London, Jan. 30. The first bulletin issued from Buckingham Palace regarding the King's condition since last Saturday is exceedingly satisfactory. Authorised at 11.30 a.m. to-day, it read as follows:

"The King continues to gain strength slowly, and his progress is satisfactory."

The bulletin is regarded as one of the most definitely favourable bulletins yet issued, and it is generally considered that His Majesty is almost out of danger.

It is understood that the date for the issue of the next bulletin has not yet been decided, but from now on bulletins will be issued only at considerable intervals, probably only about once a week.—*British Wireless.*

EINSTEIN ISSUES A NEW THEORY.

TEN YEARS' WORK ON 6-PAGE PAMPHLET.

Berlin, Jan. 30. At the price of One Mark, Professor Einstein has published a new work on which he has been engaged for at least ten years, continuing his research in spite of long periods of illness.

The new work consists of a six-page pamphlet entitled "Zur Einheitstheorie der Physik" and it is believed to embody a new comprehensive cosmic philosophy.

Its terminology and abundant mathematical formulae are incomprehensible to the ordinary layman, and it is described by an eminent scientist as a "very hard nut to crack."

It requires careful study by the most expert of mathematicians to be understood.—*Reuter.*

NEW WIRELESS TELEPHONE.

Amsterdam, Jan. 30. Wireless telephone communication between Holland and Buenos Aires is being opened to the public on February 4th.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH MINERS' DISTRESS.

PRINCE ASTONISHED ON TOUR.

DESCRIBES CONDITIONS AS "POSITIVELY GHASTLY."

ONE BRIGHT SPOT.

London, Jan. 30. As Patron of the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales continued his tour of the distressed coalfield districts in the North of England to-day, visiting the mining villages of Northumberland. He was visibly distressed by some of the signs of poverty that he saw.

The Prince's journey was again entirely informal. When he left his car on arrival at each village, he tramped through mud and slush to pay unexpected visits to the miners' cottages.

Seldom did the people realise their visitor was the Prince until he told them so. Sometimes, he waited until a complete list of

DISTRESSED BRITISH MINERS.

Opportunity for Hongkong to Help.

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME.

Appalling conditions amongst the British unemployed miners and their families have been encountered by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his personal investigation of the situation in the distressed areas.

To-day's telegraphic news discloses the hardships and privations which are being suffered by those who, through no fault of their own, are being compelled to face the rigours of winter under conditions which the Prince has described as "positively ghastly."

In order to provide a medium through which sympathisers with the distressed may render some aid, the Telegraph will be pleased to receive, acknowledge and forward to the appropriate quarters donations to the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund.

necessities had been made out before moving on.

He emerged from one cottage remarking that he was sadly astonished that human beings should live in such squalor, and wherever he went he took note of the occupants' principal needs.

The Prince, on entering one of the cottages, remarked:—"This is positively ghastly."

To this, the cottager replied:—"It is better than nothing. We at least have a roof over our heads, although we could do with some bed-clothes, of which we have none."

Seven Shillings a Week.

The Prince took away the time-sheets of the Cramlington gills, showing that many of the men's wages averaged only seven shillings weekly.

He conversed with a man who was blinded in a colliery accident three years ago and who has now received notice of his ejection from his cottage. The man said he did not know where he was going, and added:—"I am almost past caring."

A bright spot in the situation is the Walsend Training Centre, where 40 young miners are undergoing artisan training under the labour transference scheme.

The Prince abandoned his intention of lunching at Morpeth and went instead to Ashington, where he lunched off sandwiches in a colliery.

He once stood with moist eyes by the bedside of a woman who had died of malnutrition, and declined to leave the distributing centres at which he called until satisfied that everything was being done to help the people.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

DUTCH DRUG FIRM ON DEFENCE.

NO PROHIBITION OF EXPORT IN HOLLAND.

LEAGUE TO PILLORY.

Geneva, Jan. 30. At the instance of Sir Malcolm Delevingne, the British representative, the Opium Commission has adopted a proposal that all firms proved to have been exporting large quantities of drugs, and whose names have figured in the several confiscation cases reported to the League, shall be pilloried and mentioned in the Commission's report to the Council of the League of Nations.

A message from Amsterdam in this connexion states that the directors of the Naarden factory, which was mentioned at the League meeting a few days ago as involved in a most serious case of contraband drug operations, have issued a statement to the Press indicating their defence.

The directors of the firm include six of the most prominent and most reputable business men in the Netherlands, and they declare that they have not infringed the Dutch law as the authorities have not prohibited export to China.

The Minister of Commerce of the Dutch Government has now issued special regulations for the export of narcotics.

It was reported at the League meeting that 3,500 lbs. of heroin was exported to Holland from Switzerland, and re-exported in the course of a year.—*Reuter.*

EX-PREMIER UNDER ARREST.

SEQUEL TO REVOLUTIONARY PLOT IN SPAIN.

REBELS DISCOMFITED.

Madrid, Jan. 30. The former Premier, Senor Sanchez Guerra, has been arrested at Torres de Cuarte in Valencia, and is now detained in a military prison there. It is believed that the arrest follows the discovery of the plot which proved abortive on Monday night, and he may be accused of conspiring against the Government.

He was frequently mentioned at the time of the discovery of the September plot to overthrow the Dictator, General Primo de Rivera, whose opponents regard Sanchez Guerra as the Dictator's successor.

Further details are available showing the means taken to quell the outbreak at Ciudadreal.

Leaflets were dropped on the town from an aeroplane, bearing the message: "The whole of Spain is quiet. Surrender immediately and return to barracks. Otherwise you will be bombarded to-morrow."

Half an hour later, the rebel troops withdrew their guns and returned to their barracks.

The civil authorities returned to their posts and normal life has been resumed.

A communique states that General Orgaz has arrived at Ciudad Real to take control, and will appoint a Judge, vested with summary powers.

The communique adds that the Government will take steps to restore discipline and prevent a recurrence of such incidents.—*Reuter.*

MR. JUSTICE WOOD.

RETURNS TO SUPREME COURT TO-MORROW.

Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, the Pusan Judge, returned to Hongkong from home leave by the s.s. Macedonia this morning. He will resume his duties in the Summary Court to-morrow morning. Mr. Justice Wood will also take the last case of the Criminal Sessions calendar on Monday morning.

This is a case in which Lo Kung-pak, alias Lo Pak-wai, alias Lo Cheong-lee, is charged with uttering impressions with a forged die and embezzlement of sums of money amounting to \$1,813.91.

During Mr. Wood's absence at Home his place has been filled by Mr. P. Jacks.

"ROYAL ARROW" TRAGEDY.

UNEXPECTED TURN IN TRIAL.

BERNSON GIVES EVIDENCE OVER AGAIN.

DRINKING ADMITTED.

The Royal Arrow murder trial took a rather unexpected turn when Lewis Petersen appeared on remand before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of murdering John Zetterberg, a messman of the vessel.

The case was originally remanded until this morning for the police officers to be recalled on a point which arose during the cross-examination by the defence of the witness Bernson, who at the last hearing was recalled at the request of Mr. O. E. C. Marton, representing the prisoner.

His Worship said that in view of the grave doubts as to whether Bernson understood what he had been asked, it was proposed to take his evidence again, through the services of a Swedish interpreter.

Case for Sessions.

Mr. Marton asked if this evidence would be taken as if the other evidence had not been given.

His Worship said that the previous evidence would remain on record. He pointed out that the case would be entirely re-heard at the Sessions. It would be for that Court to decide.

Detective Inspector Lane, who is prosecuting, called Mr. C. A. Grimes, an overseer of the P.W.D., who produced plans of the oiler's room, where the affair occurred.

Before Bernson was sworn, his Worship remarked that he understood Inspector Lane actually said that Bernson had informed him that he did not understand either his Worship or Mr. Marton as well as he did. Inspector Lane.

Inspector Lane replied that that was so.

His Worship said that Berson told the police that they (His Worship and Mr. Marton) spoke too much English.

"Too Big English."

Inspector Lane replied that it was because they spoke "too big" English.

Bernson was then sworn by Mr. H. Hallgren, the Swedish interpreter. His Worship said that the best thing would be for him to examine the witness on the evidence he had already given.

In describing the incident in the cabin, witness said that both Petersen and Zetterberg had been hitting each other occasionally before the fatal blow was struck.

His Worship remarked that that was where they began to "get away from it," witness having previously stated that no blow was struck at the outset.

Witness was taken through the evidence given at previous hearings.

Witness again stated that Petersen left the cabin immediately the blow was struck. Witness could not account for the first engineer's statement that Petersen was in the cabin when he arrived.

His Worship remarked that it was not an important point, but appeared to be a conflict of memories.

Mr. Marton then proceeded to cross-examine the witness and asked whether the Royal Arrow was a "dry" ship.

Witness:—Yes.

No Drink For 29 Days.

In reply to further questions, witness said he was ready for a drink as soon as the ship arrived. He had been 29 days without one.

Mr. Marton:—You were counting the days up, were you?—Yes.

Witness said that when the sampans went alongside the Royal Arrow, he himself purchased a dozen bottles of beer and two bottles of whisky. When this had been consumed, more was purchased by other members of the crew.

Of the purchases made by witness, he himself had consumed three bottles of beer. The people (Continued on Page 12.)

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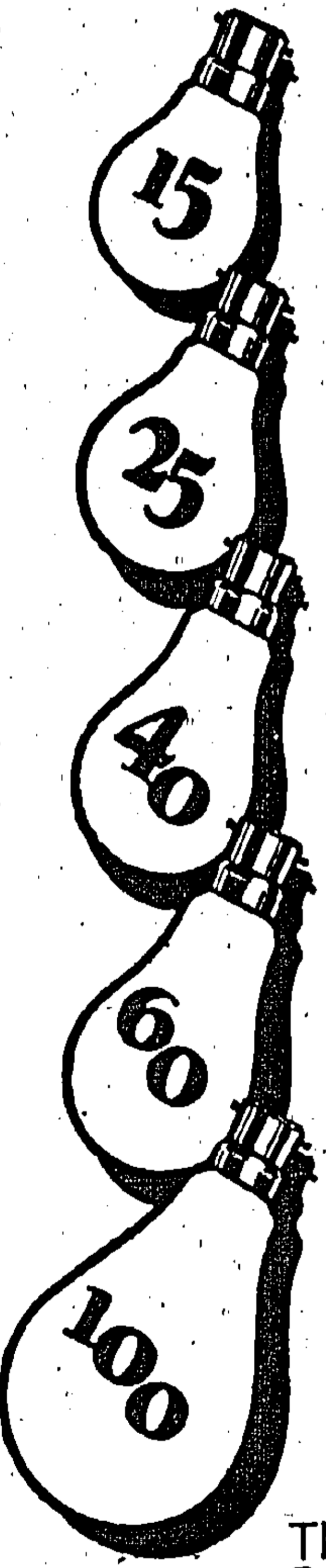
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WESLEYAN HOME.

OPENED YESTERDAY BY THE GOVERNOR.

The new Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home on the Praya East was opened by His Excellency the Governor yesterday, when an opportunity was afforded for an inspection of the building.

For the opening ceremony a Royal Naval guard of honour consisting of men from the flagship, H.M.S. Kent, was drawn up outside the new Home, together with the band of the Queen's Royal Regiment. When His Excellency arrived, accompanied by Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Captain Whyte, the band played the National Anthem, after which Sir Cecil Clementi inspected the guard of honour.

His Excellency then opened the gates of the new building and formally declared it open, later being conducted round by the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey, President.

Those present assembled in the large hall, the gathering including the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern, Vice Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, H. E. Major General C. C. Luard, Colonel R. B. Skinner, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and Lady Pollock, the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Duppy, the Dean of St. John's Cathedral and Mrs. Swann, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ingram, Mr. P. Sands, many Naval, Military and Air Force representatives, members of the Church body, and others.

After a dedicatory prayer by the Bishop, the Rev. Mr. Knight Anstey expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee to His Excellency the Governor and also to the Government, for kind treatment in the way of compensation, and the courtesy of all departments of the Government connected with the building.

Mr. Anstey said that a few weeks ago he thought the gathering might be held under a cloud as the special photographs of the King and Queen were on their way from England and he did not know whether they had been signed or not. It transpired, however, that they had been signed before His Majesty was taken ill, and he was sure that those present would have been more than relieved at the recent improvement in his health.

He also tendered thanks to the Commander-in-Chief and the General for their interest in the new building, and expressed the hope that they would feel that the best had been done for the welfare of the Servicemen. After thanking the Hon. Mr. Southern and Mrs. Southern, Mr. Knight Anstey said he had received a cable from the Secretary of the Army, Navy and Air Force Board offering congratulations.

Mention was made of the gift of two pianos by the ladies of the Church Aid at Wanchai, and reference was also made to other gifts, including those from Chinese friends. Mr. Knight Anstey said the men were worth serving, and they had therefore put up a building worthy of them. Mr. A. J. May, the architect of the Wesleyan Mission, had shown considerable ingenuity in his design, and he thought those present would be impressed by the facilities of the new Home. It was a strictly non-sectarian institution, to which all were welcome.

The Governor's Speech.

H. E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, said:—It has been a great pleasure to me this afternoon to declare this fine building open to all Service men without distinction of rank or creed. My inspection of the building has satisfied me that the motto—"Service for Service Men"—has been worthily fulfilled, and I am certain that all Service men in this Colony will feel grateful to

PRISONER'S DEATH.

CHOKED AND STRANGLED WITH HIS SOCKS.

Remarkable determination on the part of a suicide was revealed at a Coroner's inquiry held by Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon into the circumstances attending the death of Cheng Kwan-wai, a prisoner, who took his life while being detained as a remanded prisoner in a cell at the Central Police Station on the night of the 14th-15th instant.

It was shown that despite every precaution taken to prevent such attempts, the prisoner found a means of taking his life by stuffing one of his socks into his mouth and strangling himself with the other. The teeth had closed firmly over the gag, and it was with difficulty that it could be drawn out.

Dr. A. Cannon, who examined the body after it was taken to the Mortuary, reported that he found a strand of wool in the mouth, and came to the conclusion that it was with such material as the sock, produced, that the man had suffocated himself. A sock merely rolled into the cavity of the mouth would not have caused death, as the man could still breathe through his nose, but by forcing the sock well into the back of the throat, all breathing could be stopped.

Evidence was given in regard to the frequent rounds made of the cells as a matter of routine by the officers on duty. It was stated that nothing unusual occurred during that night to draw their attention, and it was not until the roll-call was carried out in the morning that the condition of the prisoner in question was observed.

Sergeant Paton stated that on receiving no response he entered the cell and found the man lying, apparently lifeless, under a blanket. Artificial respiration was resorted to without success.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that death was due to strangulation and suffocation, without attaching any blame to the police officers concerned, whom they found to have done all that was possible under the circumstances.

the Reverend Mr. Knight Anstey, the Wesleyan Naval and Military chaplain, for all that he has done, is doing and is about to do on their behalf.

Mr. Knight Anstey's interest in soldiers and sailors has been life-long and was inherited by him from his father, who was a Naval architect, while his brother, Rear Admiral Knight Anstey, once served in Hongkong, and was deeply interested in the old Sailors' Home in Arsenal Street, now replaced by the building in which we stand.

After 27 years work in India Mr. Knight Anstey was specially sent here, in order that he might see to the completion of this Home, and I may safely say that, but for his energy and devotion, the Home would not have been ready for use to-day.

A Financial Need.

Much interest attaches to the portraits of the King and Queen, which were specially signed by Their Majesties for this Home, and which are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Knight Anstey in loving memory of their son, Second Lieutenant Harry Anstey, R.F.C., who was killed on 21st February, 1918.

I draw your attention to the fact that a sum of \$15,000 is still needed to complete the scheme for this Sailors' and Soldiers' Home. Many demands are made from time to time upon the generosity of the Hongkong public; but in view of the debt which this Colony owes to Service men, I am confident that before long the sum still needed will be found.

I wish this Home a long and beneficent career.

ST. DAVID'S.

GENERAL MEETING OF WELSH SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the St. David's Society was held in the Sanitary Board Room yesterday afternoon under the chairmanship of Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones.

The report of the year's work showed that one of the principal functions, which was attended by members of the society was the laying of a wreath on the Cenotaph on St. David's Day. Messrs. D. J. Lewis, D. Davies, and Capt. E. Jones became life members during the year while Mr. E. Lloyd Jones and Capt. W. H. Williams, M.C., R. A. S. C. joined the Society.

A past member who was in acute financial difficulties at Home was assisted by the Society to the extent of about £22.

The following members were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Capt. Thomas; Vice President, Mr. D. M. Richards; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. R. Price; committee, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Wynne-Jones, Messrs. H. Owen Hughes, E. C. Thomas, D. Davies, and R. R. Davies.

There was much discussion in connexion with the lack of support for the annual dinner, and it was decided to make another effort this year to hold the dinner and it was suggested that members be circulated to this effect.

In connexion with the laying of the wreath on the Cenotaph Mrs. Hooper volunteered to supply the daffodils for making the wreath.

Mr. D. Davies expressed thanks to the society on behalf of the member who had been assisted during the past year.

Votes of thanks to the chairman and outgoing committee and special mention of the work done by the hon. secretary, Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones concluded the meeting.

ANKING PIRACY.

CONVICTED MAN PAYS EXTREME PENALTY.

Yuen Ping-kwan, who, on December 31 last, was sentenced to death at the Criminal Sessions on a charge of having taken part in the piracy of the steamship Anking, paid the extreme penalty of the law yesterday when he was hanged at the Victoria Gaol at 5.02 a.m.

A Coroner's inquest into the death was duly held yesterday afternoon by Mr. Lindsell and a verdict of death by the process of hanging in due execution of the law was returned by the jury.

Dr. A. Cannon, Medical Officer in charge of the Victoria Gaol, gave evidence to say that he was present at the gaol when the hanging took place and that he performed a post mortem examination immediately afterwards. Witness said that there was no hitch in the proceedings and that death was almost instantaneous.

The Chief Warden of the Gaol produced the Governor's warrant for the sentence to be duly carried out.

GALLANT RESCUE.

NEWHAVEN LIFEBOAT'S HAZARDOUS TRIP.

London, Jan. 30. After fighting against fog, darkness and a heavy sea off Beachy Head for three hours, the Newhaven lifeboat brought ashore, early this morning, the crew numbering fifteen, of the French steam trawler Crabe, which is now lying on the rocks at Birling Gap. When distress signals were heard, the lifeboat and rocket life-saving team went out to render assistance, but the latter could not locate the vessel owing to the fog.

The lifeboat ultimately got close to the Crabe, and the crew were transferred. Although the lifeboat suffered considerable damage, she regained Newhaven harbour safely.—British Wireless.

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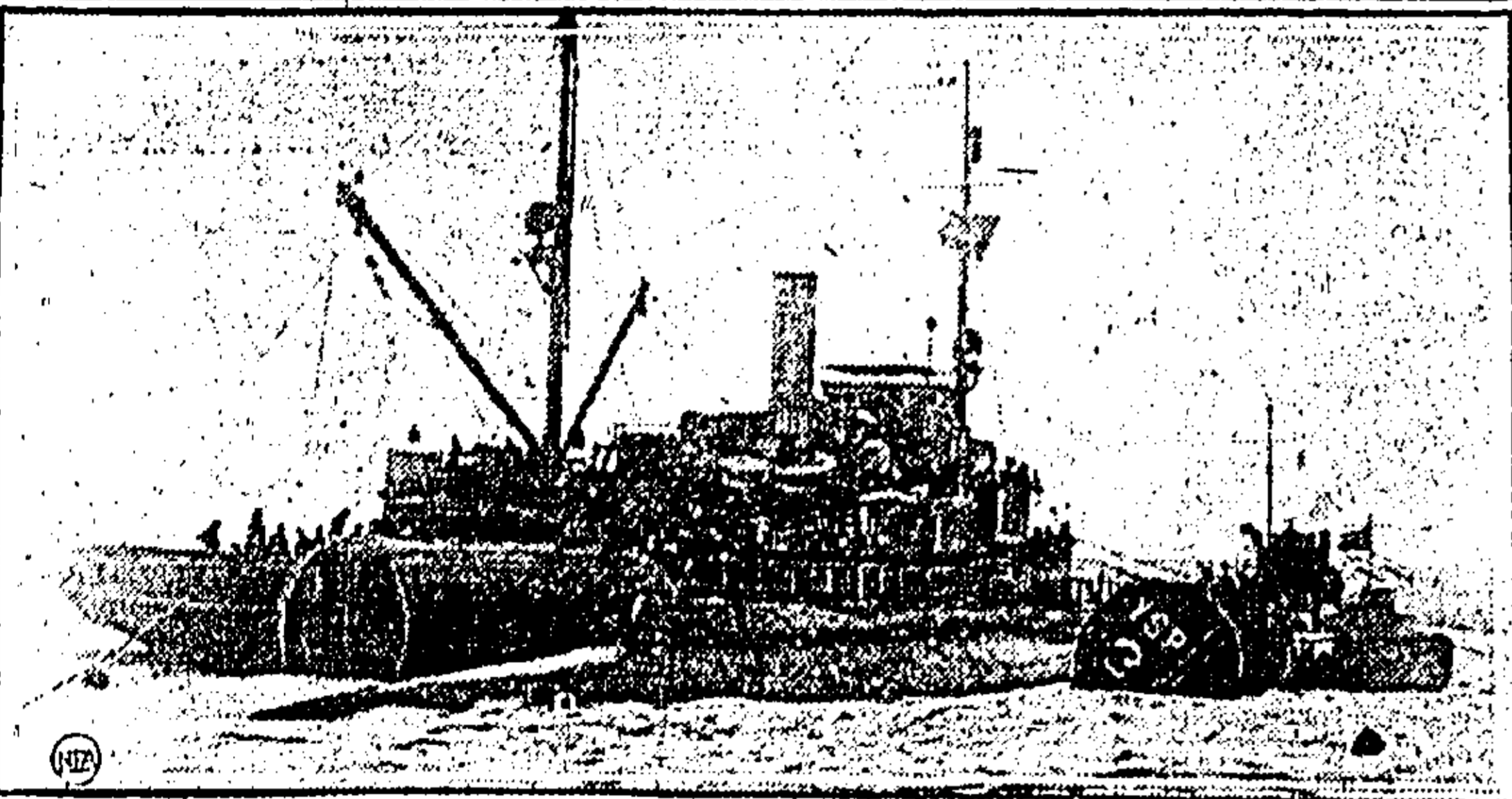
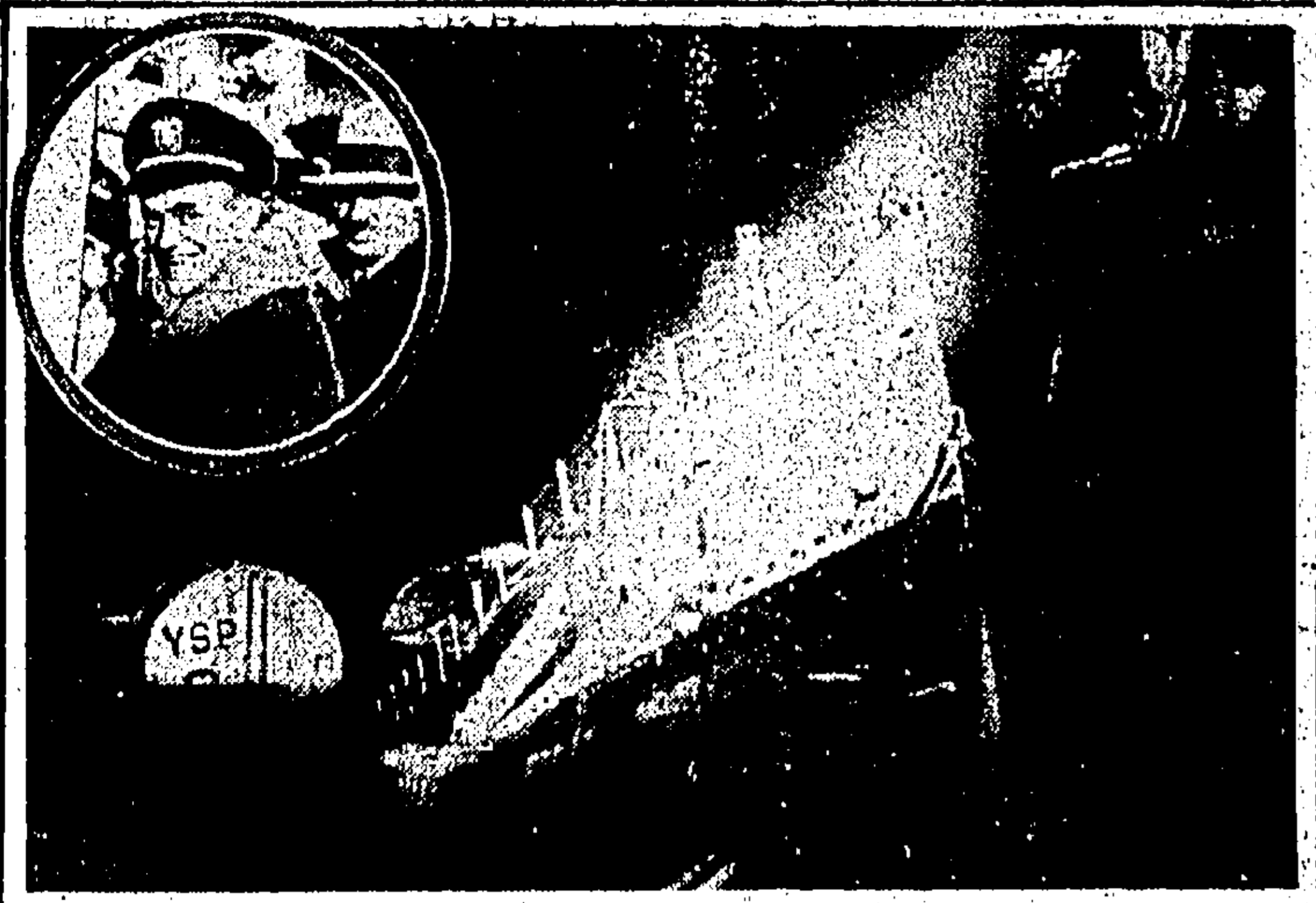
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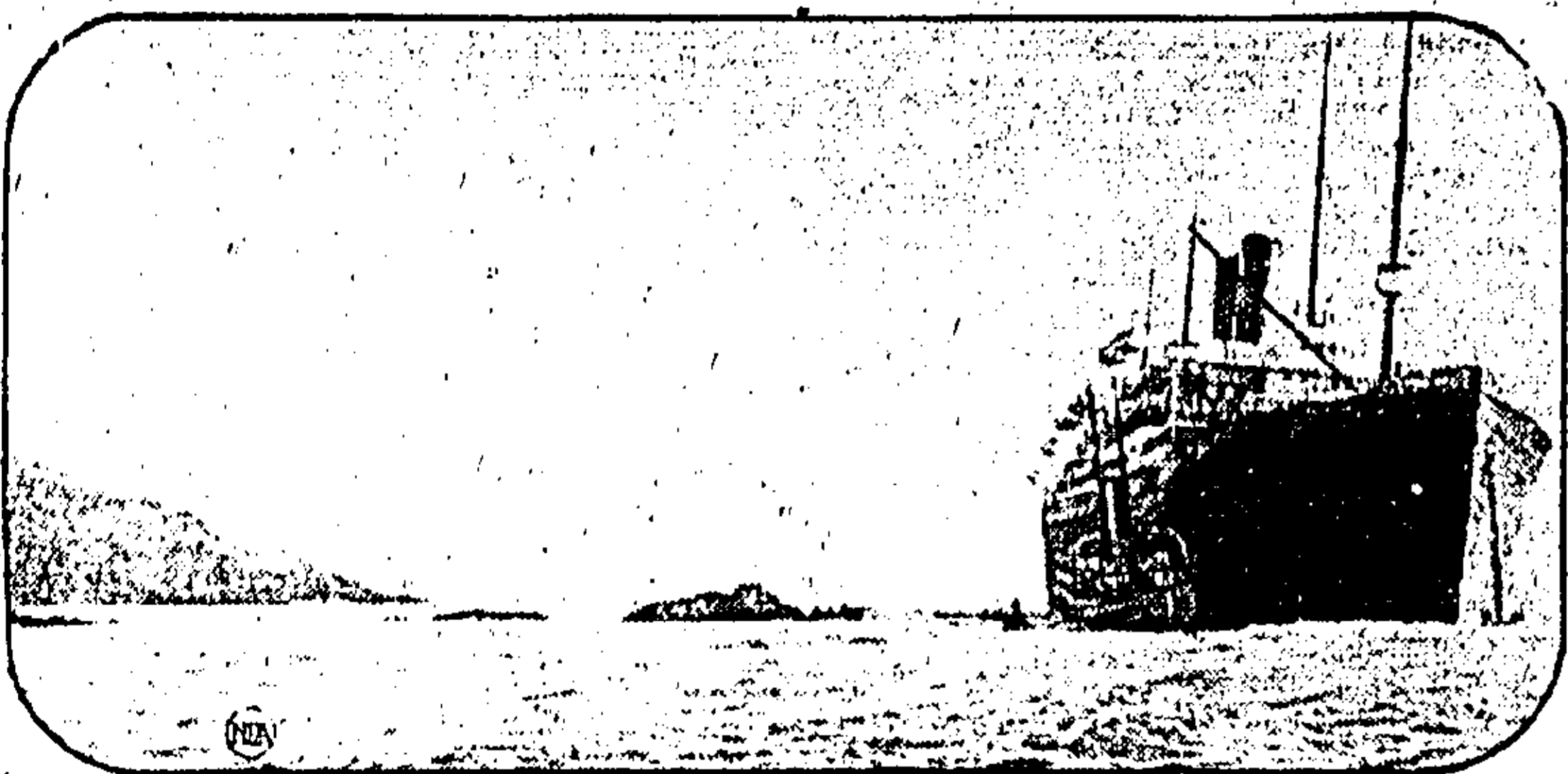
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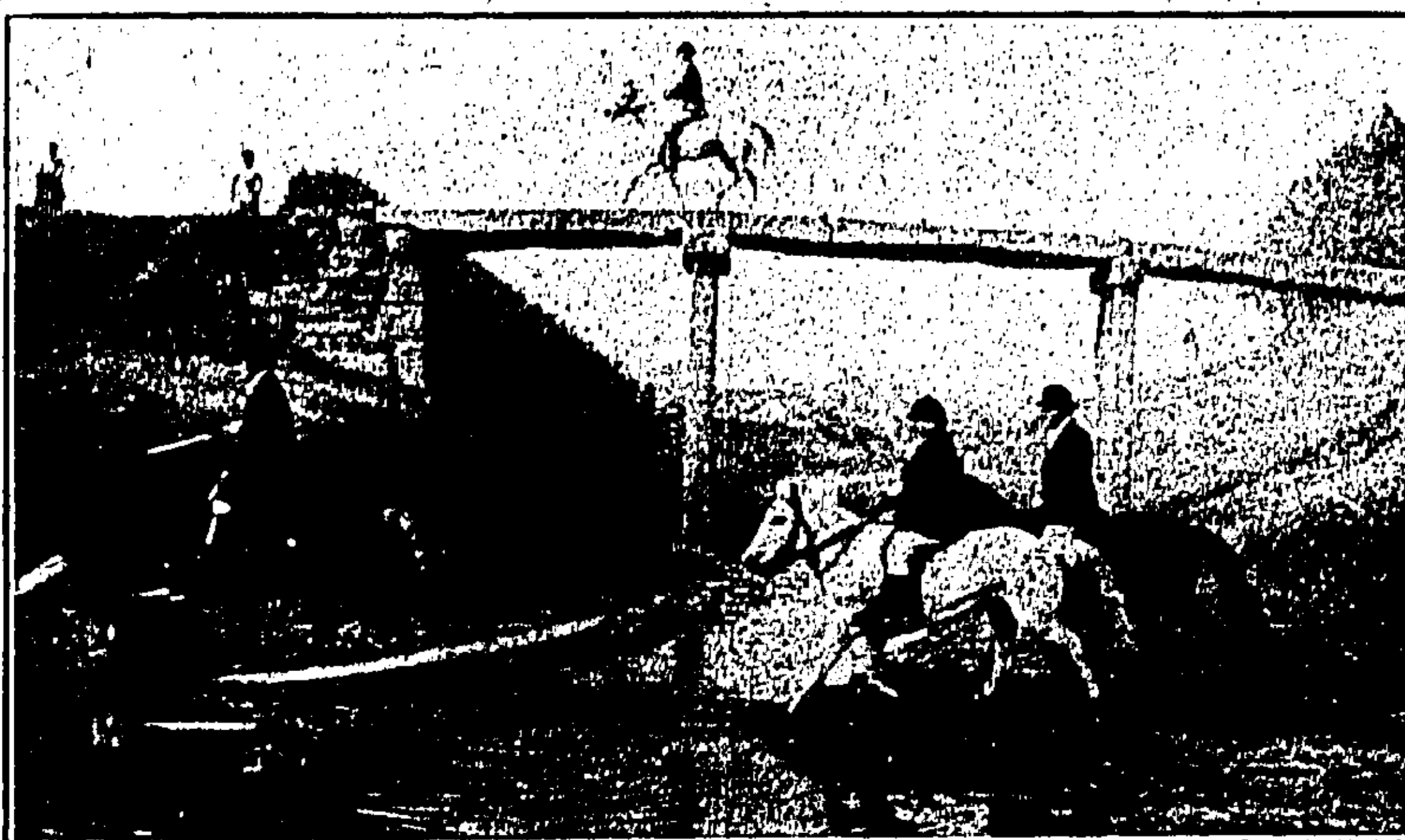
Striking night photos of an experiment with submarine rescue appliances by the U. S. Navy. The S-4 was deliberately sunk, and raised completely to the surface within 49 hours.



The liner Celtic abandoned on the rocks near Quoonstown as a total loss. She is breaking up under long buffeting.



Miss F. Hyland, who won the second Ladies' Paper Hunt in Shanghai recently and laid the third one.



An obstacle in Shanghai hunts, old stone bridge and a shallow stream and one must decide, without hesitation which is the quickest way to get across.



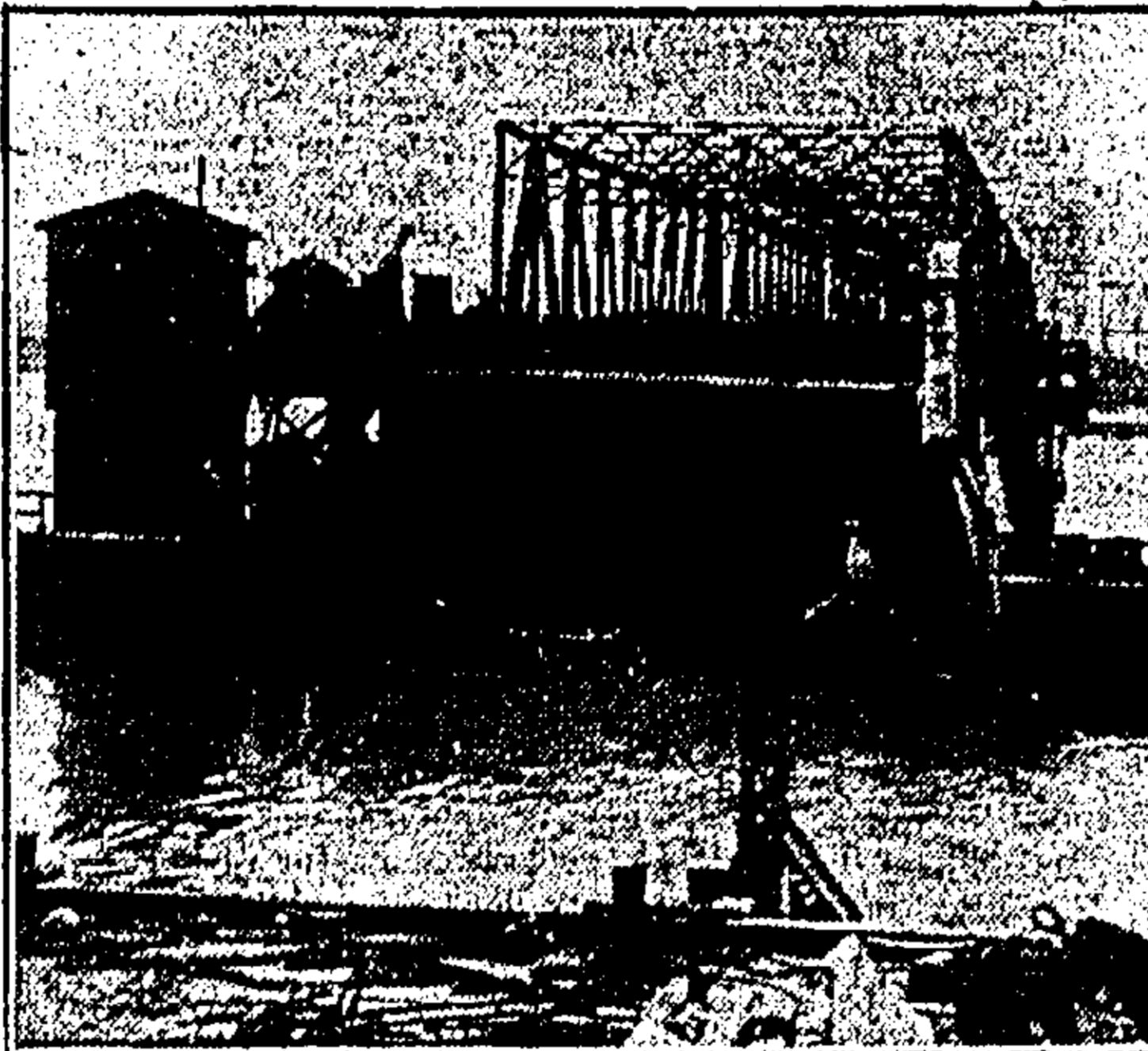
Her Majesty the Queen being sheltered from the rain at the unveiling of the Mercantile Marine War Memorial.



A new motor vessel, the I-Tu, built to the order of the Yangtze Rapids Company, was recently launched in Shanghai. The vessel was christened by Mrs. E. J. Foy, wife of Commander Foy, and Admiral Yates Stirling, U. S. Navy, was among those present.



This striking fire shows the blaze in progress at the Riverside Church, New York, which was in the course of construction. It was being built by John D. Rockefeller, Junr. and would have cost \$4,000,000. Approximately \$1,000,000 had been spent on the building when the fire left a blackened ruin.



An official inquiry is being held into the collapse of a new drawbridge in New Jersey, U. S. A. which blocked traffic for miles. It was only recently completed at a cost of \$1,500,000. Picture shows the damage.

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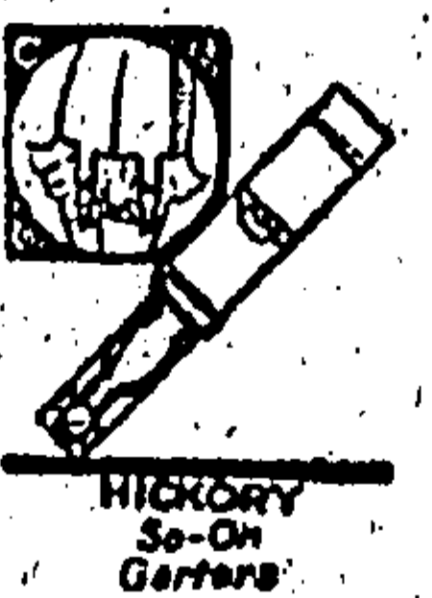
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The following replies are awaiting collection:—

295, 300, 301, 305, 306, 315
344, 363, 371, 374, 376, 381
385, 411, 426, 427, 443, 445
455, 461, 462, 465

MISCELLANEOUS.

The owner of "La Maison Artiste de Paris" is passing through the Colony and will exhibit his wares at the Savoy Hotel, Room No. 37, for a few days only. Bargains in ladies' dresses, bags, stockings, shawls and imitation jewellery.

LOST.

LOST.—Between Wing On's and Star Ferry, Lady's Gold Wrist Watch and Bracelet. Reward, Box No. 475, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—Car No. 610, Buick 7 seater-Touring, 1924 model. Been maintained in perfect condition mechanically. Recently overhauled. Price \$1,000 for quick sale. Apply to D. Templeton, Taikeo Sugar Refinery.

FOR SALE OR TO LET.—Furnished or unfurnished, "The Anchorage" No. 9, Magazine Gap Road. 5 Roomed HOUSE, modern sanitation. 3 bath rooms. Central heating. Apply Direct, or Phone residence: C.1484 or Office: C3200

FOR SALE.—Large Pram in very good condition complete with NERFADE sun canopy. \$30 or offer. Apply BARKER, 505, The Peak.

FOR SALE.—A new Mirror-Flex Camera for sale. This camera is quite new and is fitted with Zeiss Tessar Lens F 2.7. Leather case, plate holders and film-pack adapter. Worth \$400. Will sell for \$350. May be seen at the Mee Cheung Photo shop opposite the City Hall.

CARS FOR SALE.

BUICK.—Five-seater touring. Majestic body, owner driven since new, splendid condition, has done only moderate mileage. Tyres new. Available middle or end February. Roy C. E. S. Upsell, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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NOTICE.

THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDRY COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that from the 1st day of February, 1929, the undersigned will no longer be the General Managers of the above named Company.

J. F. FISHER & CO.
Date the 31st day of Jan., 1928.

NOTICE.

THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDRY COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that from the 1st day of February 1929 the above named Company will carry on its business at Tai-ko-tsu, Kowloon.

THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDRY CO.
Date the 31st day of Jan., 1928.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

We have removed our offices to Powell's Building, 12, Des Voeux Road Central.

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I have removed my Office to Powell's Building, 12 Des Voeux Road, Central.

M. A. XAVIER, B.Sc.,
Architect & Civil Engineer.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolution, viz:—

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinance (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 98 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hongkong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Jolson, Stokes & Master, Prince Building, Solicitors to the Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

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G. 11222 R.

Particulars and Conditions of the sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sham-shuipo, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyors of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acres	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Society will be held on Friday, 1st February, in St. John's Cathedral Hall, at 5.30 p.m.
Mr. R. Sutherland, O.B.E. in the Chair.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES

SUNDAY,
17th February
Entries close at noon
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G. 11222 R.

We beg to notify our clients that as from February 1st, our business will be transferred to new premises at No. 10, Ice House Street, next to Share-brokers' Association.

THE CLOVER FLOWER SHOP.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the TENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at Chinese Merchants' Club, 5th floor, China Building, Queen's Road Central, at 3 p.m. Saturday, the 16th February, 1929, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 9th February to Saturday, 16th February, 1929, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1929.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on Thursday the 31st January, 1929, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd January to 31st January 1929, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Manager.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Friday, the 8th February, 1929, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 31st January to Friday, 8th February, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1929.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

On FRIDAY, the 1st February, 1929, commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 4, Tantalón Terrace, The Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Hungghom.
A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture, and a lot of Wireless spare parts (Particulars from Catalogue).
On View from Thursday, the 31st January, 1929.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on SATURDAY, the 2nd February, 1929, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at No. 334, Kowloon Tong
A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.
(Catalogues will be issued.)
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Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the 6th February, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 20th February, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1929.

POPULAR DANCE RECORDS.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan	Anyo Maru	January 31
Shanghai and Amoy	Liangchow	January 31
Straits and London parcel mail, (London 20th December, 1928)	Autolycus	February 1
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 9th January)	Morea	February 1
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 12th January)	Pres. Cleveland	February 1
Australia and Manila	Tanda	February 4
Manila	President Lincoln	February 4
Japan	Chicago Maru	February 4
Straits	Hosang	February 4
Shanghai	Philoctetes	February 5
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Polk	February 8
Manila	Emp. of Australia	February 13

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date and Time.
Saigon	Borneo, Thurs., Jan. 31, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Radnor, Thurs., Jan. 31, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Fook On, Thurs., Jan. 31, 4 p.m.
Amoy	Takada, Thurs., Jan. 31, 5 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco	Anyo Maru, Fri., Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m. (Due San Francisco, 8th March.)
Fort Bayard	Tehekam, Fri., Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang, Fri., Feb. 1, noon.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Macedonia, Fri., Feb. 1, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Tonkin, Fri., Feb. 1, 1.30 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Arafura, Fri., Feb. 1.
Parcels	Registration, 1.45 p.m.
Letters	2.30 p.m.
(Due Thursday Island, 16th Feb.)	
Tourne	Chung Kong, Fri., Feb. 1, 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Kluikiang, Fri., Feb. 1, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Fook Sang, Sat., Feb. 2, 10 a.m.
Manila	Parcels, 11 a.m.
	Letters, 11 a.m.
	Pres. Cleveland Sat., Feb. 2, 4.30 p.m.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

Sealed Tenders will be received at the Office of the O.C., R.A.S.C., Headquarters, South China Command, Hongkong, until 12 o'clock noon on the dates stated below, for the undermentioned services, for periods as given:—

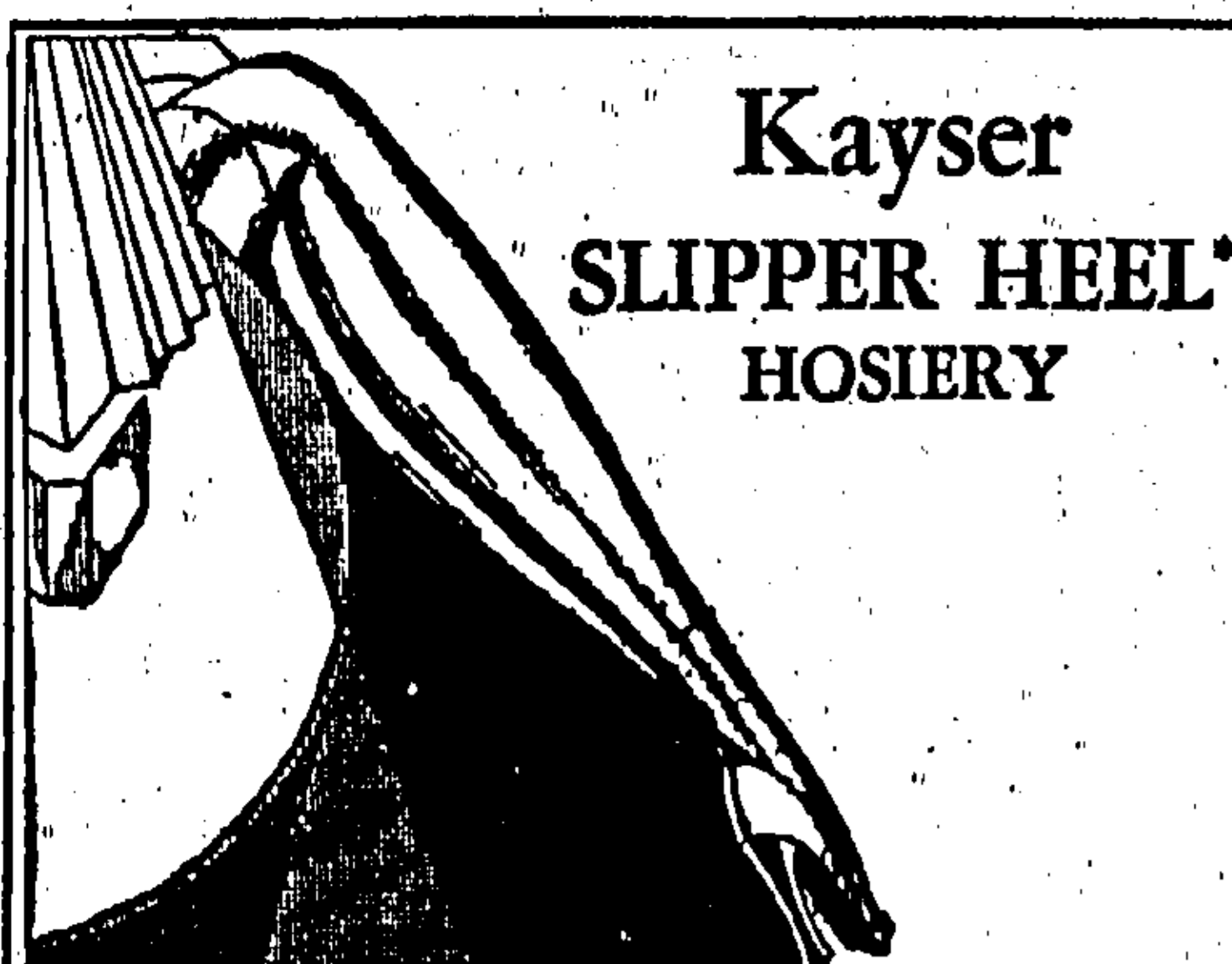
SIX MONTHS COMMENCING 1st APRIL, 1929.

Gents Flesh and Meat for Hospitals Hospital and Detention Barrack Supplies	Monday, 18th February, 1929.
Indian Supplies.	
General Supplies "A" (Sugar, Salt, Potatoes, Onions and Mustard.)	Tuesday, 19th February, 1929.
General Supplies "B."	
Fuel (Coal, Coke, Firewood and Charcoal.)	Thursday, 21st February, 1929.

ONE YEAR COMMENCING 1st APRIL, 1929.

Barrack Service, Hongkong.	
Conservancy Services, Kowloon.	Friday, 22nd February, 1929.
Transport Services (Lorries and Lighters).	
Transport Services (Coolies, Launches and Chairs).	Monday, 25th February, 1929.

Tender Forms and any necessary information may be obtained at the above office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily, except Sundays.



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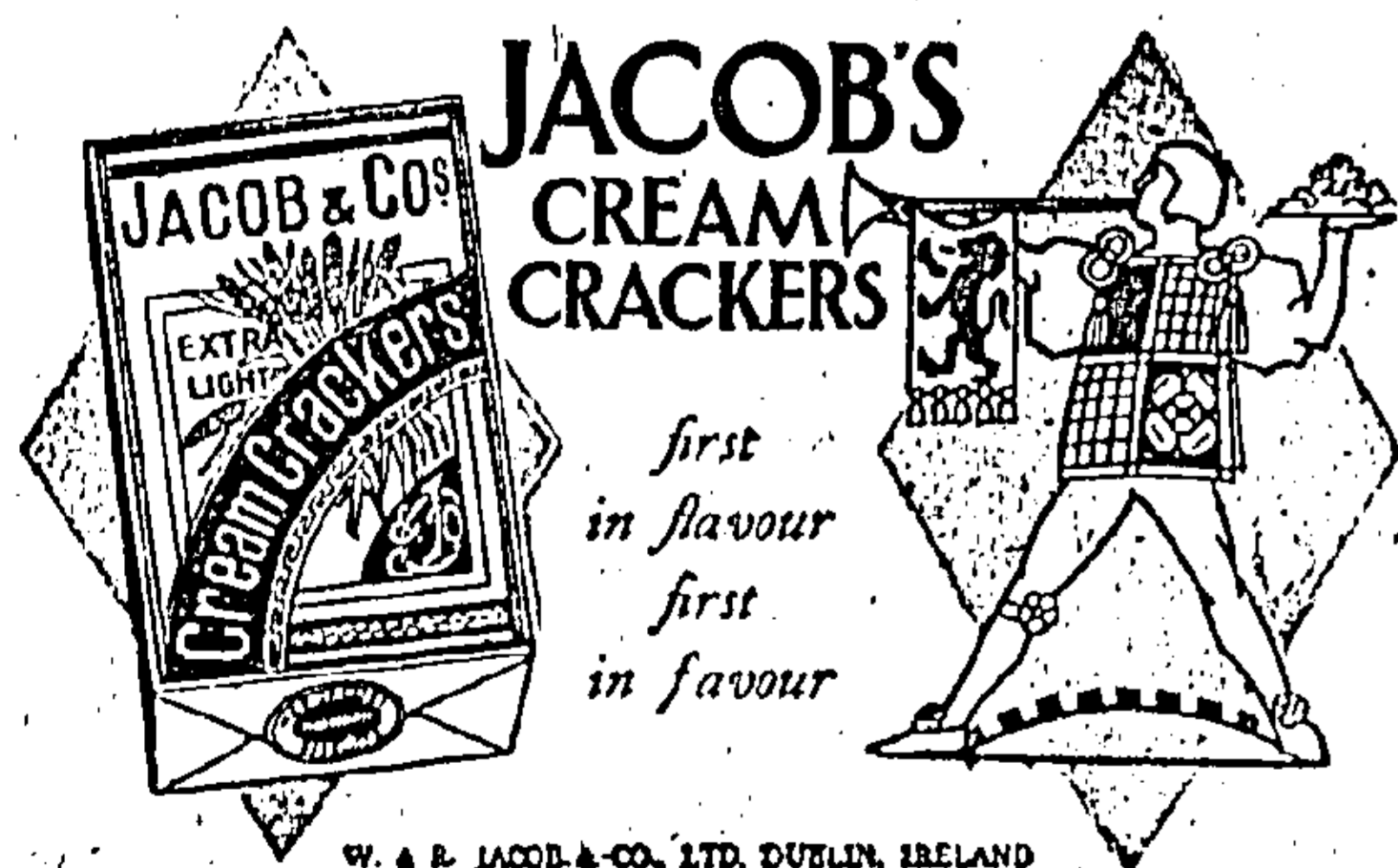
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Colour Darning.

LOOKS VERY ATTRACTIVE ON
LINEN.

A friend of mine, with big ideas but a tiny purse, went to see a recent exhibition of wonderful table linens with their patterns all woven in delicate colours on the satin-smooth damask. She came away determined to have some like them, or die in the attempt!

As these beautiful cloths were several guineas each, more, in fact, than she had for a week's housekeeping, to buy them was out of the question. Moreover, her little store of house linen was most of it the gift of old-fashioned relations who believed in the kind that last a lifetime.

However, difficulties are only spurs to the energetic. She simply bought a dozen skeins of pure linen thread, very fine, in pale shades of pink, jade, primrose, and forget-me-not, guaranteed fast in boiling, and carefully darned all over the patterns with these fine threads. She worked her tiny stitches very carefully the way of the weave, finishing off very neatly without knots or ends, so that the reverse of the cloth was just as attractive.

You have no idea how perfectly charming this looks, how up-to-date—and how expensive! By the outlay of two shillings on threads, her good linen table-cloths, costing perhaps twenty-five shillings apiece originally, now look worth the four or five guineas charged for each coloured-woven one.

The effect is simply delightful, although they take some time to do neatly, for hurried or irregular large stitches would spoil the whole thing.—J. DANE in Exchange.



Subtlety now permeates the whole world of dress. Neither our hats nor our clothes have the air of being built up from pieces of materials by painstaking stitching and cutting. Especially is this to be noted in the case of the new hats that are closely moulded to the head, yet do not look like "skull" caps. So many variations are introduced that one never sees two exactly alike, though they all pull well down into the nape of the neck, and are provided with shapely side pieces over one or both cheeks. Different material, a magic little touch in the matter of a curve, a buckle, a jewelled pin, an adroit motif so placed as to achieve individuality of contour; and behold! each little cap is readily distinguished from its neighbour.

Fur Collars.

AND CLOSE LITTLE HATS.

With the high fur winter collars, close little hats are quite the right thing. A model simply cut out of felt, and seen recently, has an entertainingly long flap almost covering the right cheek, and the other is stiffly draped back upon itself.

Another model is of the toque order, but is slit up over the left eye. And a third has the front part cut right away in a sharp oval in order to show a bare forehead—for these hats are made to go with bare foreheads only—and sometimes this oval is draped with a little veil which covers the forehead.

There is nothing more convenient than the close little hats, and as the Paris milliners have found innumerable ways of varying them to suit every face, they are likely to be with us for quite a while.

Novel Shoes.

A designer who makes some of the smartest shoes in Paris, has a special fondness for a metal lift (brass, silver, or copper), or a lift of kid like a piping in a contrasting colour to the shoe, in the heel of the shoes, just above the leather lift.

Another charming device for evening is a little Mercury wing. This is attached to the back of the slipper, and is shown in gold and silver kid, on a blonde satin slipper; in silver on a black satin slipper; in silver on a black satin on a black antelope slipper.

Entire heels of metal are still extremely smart. Brass, silver, and copper, are used in the evening, and sometimes gun-metal heels appear in conjunction with black satin slippers.

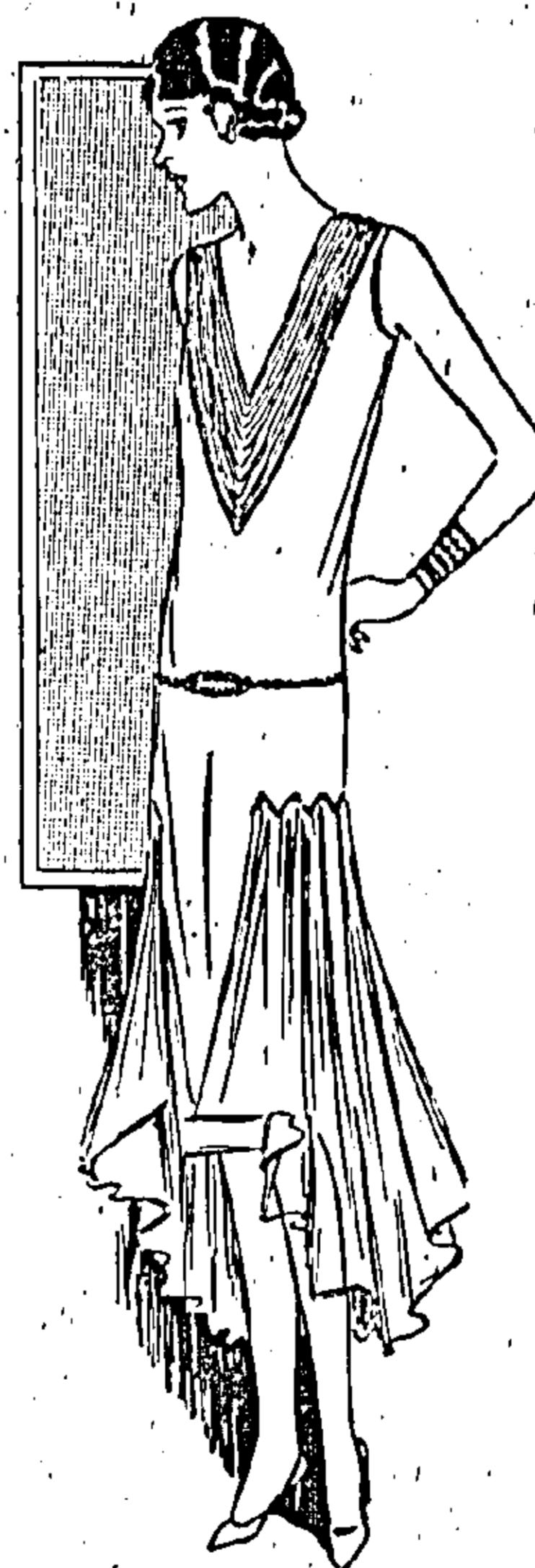
Evening Stockings.

TWO GORGEOUS NEW
SHADES.

There are two gorgeous new shades in evening stockings. The one is a rich crushed strawberry, and the other is the same shade in a lighter tone. They are both rich for wear, with almost any kind of evening shoes, and certainly with most types of frocks and gowns. Another pretty shade is a true apricot, which embodies all the rich yellow and pink tones of the fruit.

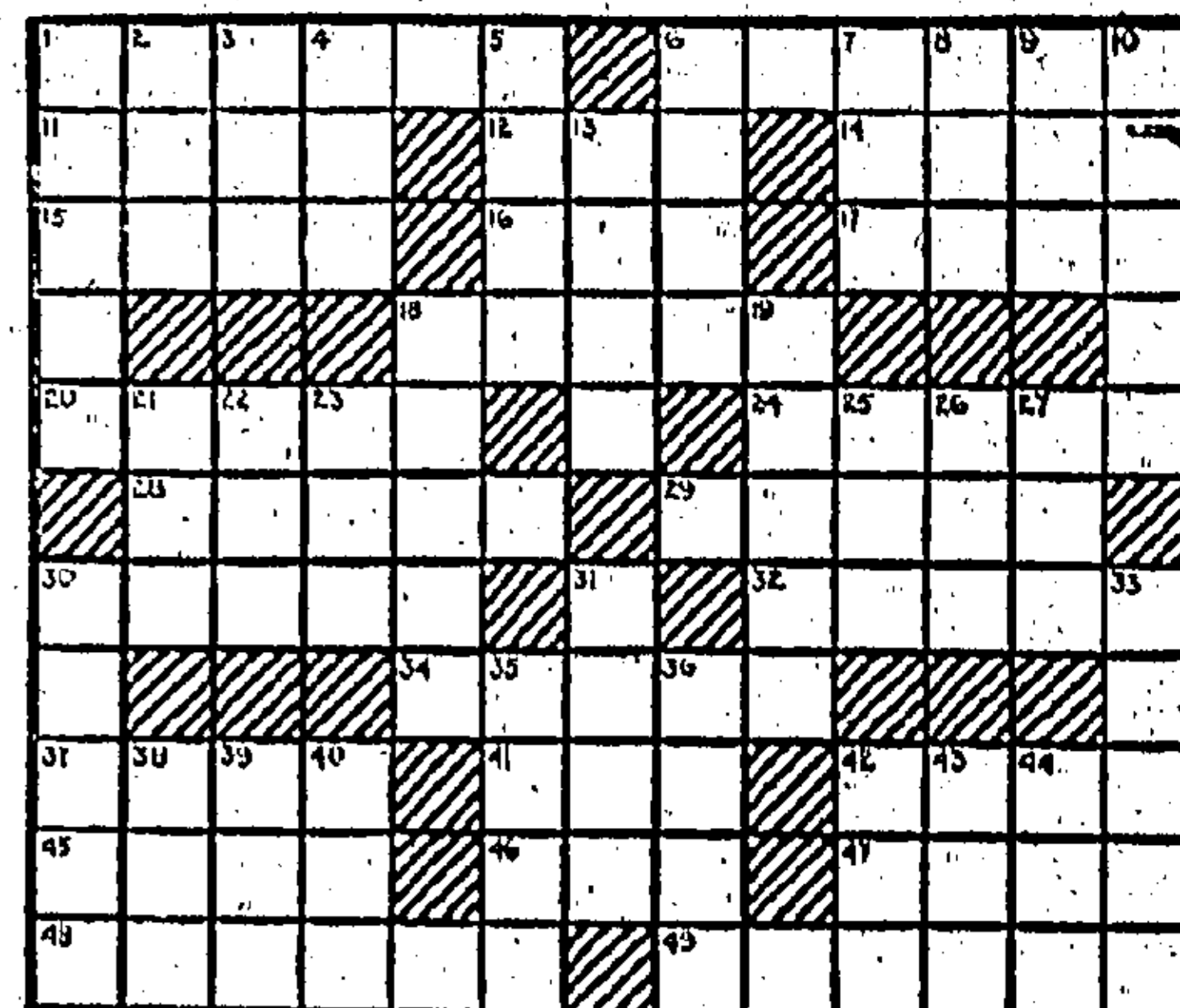
Blonde suede with a pink tinge is the most fashionable at the moment for gloves. One might call it pale apricot, or peach, or cream. The second favourite is a very pink beige which eludes further description, because it is so unlike any other shade or combination. Cuffs on gloves are growing shorter and shorter, until they have now little petals about the size of those of a medium-size violet, even not so deep, while the perforated types with their scallops, and eyelets, barely measure half an inch. These tiny cuffs are often lined with kid. A few models in blue and beige are chosen by smart women, but those in the pink tones are preferred.

There is to be a new shade of green this year. A great deal of it has made its appearance in Paris recently. It is pale, and a little dusty-looking, if it were not for a white sheen that makes it very becoming. It will only come up well in felt cloth, and a certain quality of crepe-de-chine. It is obviously a companion-piece to bois-de-rose, which has the same becoming white sheen, and is seen most successfully in the same materials.



A lovely all-white evening scheme for the young girl. The corsage of ivory white soft satin is adorned with a deep V-shape band of fine tucks; into the slim satin are introduced full side flares of white tulle, while the waist is encircled by a rope of large pearl beads.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

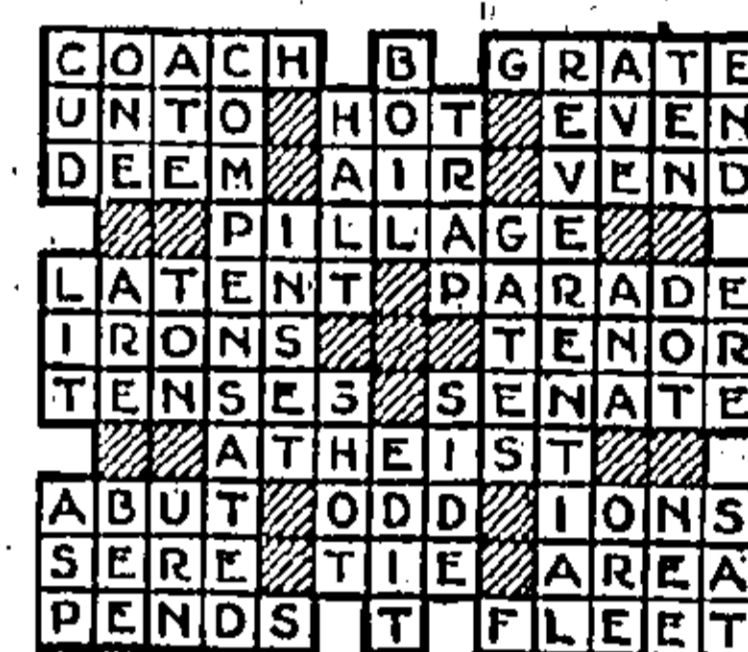
- 1 What type of fisheries are found in Oregon?
- 6 What was William Makopose's profession?
- 11 Thought.
- 12 Measure of cloth.
- 14 To sharpen as a razor.
- 15 Sum of money lent at interest.
- 16 A habitual drunkard.
- 17 Females of the sheep family.
- 18 To bend downward.
- 20 To scatter.
- 24 Sprite-like.
- 25 Was indisposed.
- 29 Any one step of a series.
- 30 To hamper or restrict.
- 32 Deformed.
- 34 Footpath through the wilderness.
- 37 To instigate.
- 41 Pitcher.
- 42 To unfasten.
- 45 Solicitude.
- 46 To place.
- 47 To ignite.
- 48 For what fruit are both California and Florida famous?
- 49 Proposals or bids.

Vertical

- 1 Who is the president of Bolivia?
- 2 Fused.
- 3 Field.
- 4 Masculine adult.
- 5 Home of a bird.
- 6 Low female singing voice.
- 7 Definite article.
- 8 In what way.

- 9 Unit.
- 10 Amber, or lac.
- 13 Plunder.
- 18 Cleaned with a broom.
- 19 Flower loaf.
- 21 Sailor.
- 22 Inlet.
- 23 What is any tree of the genus Ulmus?
- 25 Constituent of varnish.
- 26 Apt.
- 27 Wrath.
- 30 What is the disputed territory between Bolivia and Paraguay?
- 31 Nude.
- 33 Enta.
- 35 Artifice.
- 36 In.
- 38 Long rail.
- 39 Eon.
- 40 Twice five.
- 42 Away.
- 43 Pastry.
- 44 To be mistaken.

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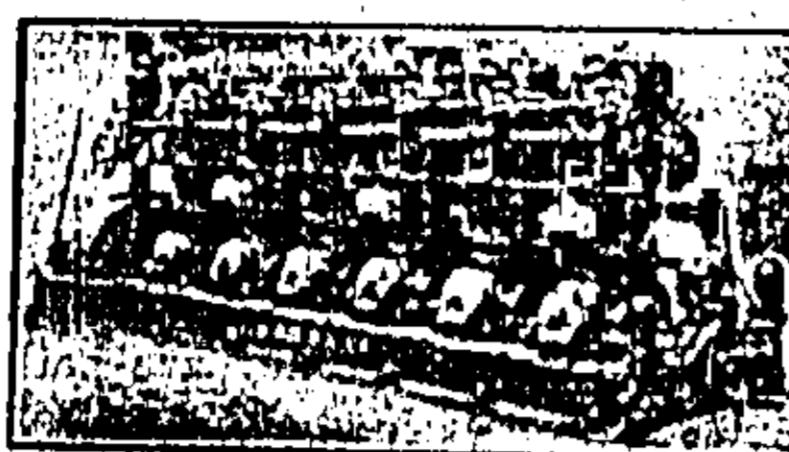
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EXTRAVAGANCE IN AMERICA.

Extravagance is usually one of the concomitants of prosperity. We are seeing that fact clearly demonstrated in the United States; so much so, that President Coolidge has been compelled to issue a warning against the rapid mounting cost of National and State government. So pronounced has the spending mania become that the Federal Government is faced with the possibility of a deficit on its Budget, whilst in the various States expenditure has for some considerable time been causing much concern. Throughout the whole period of his occupancy of White House, President Coolidge has been insistent in his demands for economy; it is now evident that he intends to follow that policy right to the end of his term of office.

In his final Message to Congress, President Coolidge laid considerable stress on the dangers of continued extravagance. He told Congress, in the plainest possible words, that he would be compelled during the remainder of his term to veto any new appropriations for immediate outlay, unless they were absolutely necessary and carried with them provision for new revenue. He took this stand because he would not feel warranted in approving legislation which would involve the Government in "financial disgrace." Insistent as Mr. Coolidge has been on economy, however, critics of the Republican administration say there is still much room for tremendous curtailment in National and State expenditure. One writer recently asserted that, go where you will in the United States, you will find every State, every county and every city living, so to speak, on borrowed money. He added: "Let one town build an auditorium, for example, and the adjoining town, by some curious reasoning, fancies that it loses face if it does not follow suit or build something better, irrespective entirely of whether the money is in hand to carry out the work. If it is not, bonds are raised. Very few municipal institutions are free from debt, and this sort of thing is vastly on the increase." It is, therefore, scarcely to be wondered at that most far-seeing Americans realise that the time will come when, despite its heavy revenues,

the country will require greatly to increase taxation to cope with this extravagance and waste.

It is true that at the moment the United States is prosperous to an extent undreamed of, say, ten years ago and that her international trade is growing by leaps and bounds. But the danger of this situation is that individuals and governmental bodies may become too complacent and forget the necessity for avoiding waste. Past history has shown that booms usually come in cycles and are periodically followed by slumps. It is when these unfavourable reactions occur that the wisdom of past frugality is demonstrated. That the United States has a great and wonderful future there can be no doubt, but it is well that the dangers attendant on extravagance should be kept always in mind.

China and Opium.

The red herring with which the unrepentant Mr. Wang King-ki sought to confuse the issue when replying to Viscount Sato's criticisms before the Opium Commission, will lead very few astray. The real facts are so well known and understood in the Far East, we are still wondering whether Mr. Wang hoped to deceive, or whether he has absorbed in too full a measure, the idea among several other delegates that their duty is to apportion blame among every other country but their own. In the latter case, Mr. Wang should choose a much less controversial subject. Following his recent attack on Britain and Japan, Mr. Wang now makes the astonishing statement that China, formerly the victim of Indian opium, suffers to-day from still more harmful drugs from Europe and Japan. His insinuation is that China's problem to-day is no longer connected with opium, but with such drugs as cocaine and heroin. The fact that the poppy is grown in China in quantities greater than ever before, that cultivation is encouraged by taxation, most districts being free from restraint in order that the tax yield shall be great and that the situation has become worse in the past three years than it was twenty years ago, is a point studiously avoided. The only time that Mr. Wang's accusation might have had application was in 1916 when a serious attempt was made to put an end to poppy growing, with the result that the illicit morphia traffic grew rapidly to meet the demands of opium addicts. That demand no longer exists and while unquestionably a certain quantity of narcotics reaches China from Europe, the extent of the traffic is a mere flea-bite compared with the illicit export of opium from China consequent upon over-production. It may also be pointed out as a matter of interest that not a single ounce of Indian opium has been officially exported to China since 1913, thanks to the action taken by British authorities, while of other narcotic drugs, we have official sanction for stating that since 1922, not an ounce from either Britain or the United States has been seized in China. Japan has been co-operating by the insertion of a clause in all charter party contracts, prohibiting the carrying of drugs to China without express permission of authorised Chinese officials. It can be clearly shown where China's salvation lies and that if, as Mr. Wang said, she really desires to collaborate in a humanitarian task, the opportunity will be found within her borders.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Jan. 30.

Paris	124.10
New York	48.44
Brussels	84.80
Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.10
Milan	92.65
Berlin	20.415
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.50
Prague	103%
Helsingfors	102%
Madrid	20.47%
Lisbon	100%
Athens	37%
Bucharest	807%
Rio	620/32
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/6 1/2
Shanghai	2/4
Hongkong	2/0
Yokohama	1/10 13/32
Silver (spot)	20 1/2
Silver (forward)	26 5/10

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

THE CLOUDS MAY DROP DOWN TITLES AND ESTATES, WEALTH MAY SEEK UP; BUT WISDOM MUST BE BOUGHT.—Young.

H.M.S. Magnolia sailed from Chafcoo on Wednesday and has arrived at Weihaiwei.

The Red Star liner Beigenland, now on a world tour, is due in Hongkong on February 16th.

Eight further Chinese cases of small-pox were notified yesterday, five being from Kowloon and the remainder from Victoria.

The new Wesleyan Soldiers' and Sailors' Home having been officially opened yesterday, the task of demolishing the old Home was begun this morning.

Mr. M. Manuk will speak on "Man, Whence?" at the usual weekly public lecture of the Theosophical Society, at the Hongkong Lodge, Mercantile Bank Building.

A Chinese body in an advanced state of decomposition, believed to be that of a victim of the Hsin Wah disaster, was washed into Aberdeen Harbour yesterday.

Cholera is raging in the districts of Luchow and Onpo, in Kwangtung. Precautions are being taken at Pakhoi, by the importation of medical supplies from Hongkong.

A Concert organised by Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy will be given at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, 7th February, at 5.30 p.m. Tea tickets must be booked before 6th February.—Advt.

It is hereby notified that radio telegrams will be accepted by the Hongkong Radio Office for transmission to Swatow at 80 cents per word. The receiving station will collect the charge due to its service.

General Chan Ming-shu, Chairman, of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, has appointed Mr. Chan Chung-sing, Secretary to M. Albert Thomas, head of the League of Nations, as his adviser in Europe on labour questions.

The wooden motor vessel Wing Hong, put up for sale on no fewer than four occasions at the Lamont's Auction Rooms, has been disposed of by private tender. She will probably be put on the West River service, commencing in about two weeks time.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Wong Yat-cho, for the alleged conversation of the proceeds of the sale of two diamonds, valued at \$1,030, which are stated to have been entrusted to him for disposal by the manager of Kwan On pawnshop of 57, Hollywood Road.

The management of the Peninsula Hotel announces that dining accommodation in the Rose Grill Room for Saturday, February 9th, is completely booked. There is still room in the Roof Garden adjoining the Rose Room. For the evening of Friday, February 8th, all accommodation both in the Grill Room and Roof Garden has already been booked.

STRANDED JAPANESE STEAMER.

DESTROYERS GO TO HER ASSISTANCE.

It is learned that two Japanese destroyers have been despatched from Formosa to the scene of the stranding of the a.s. Asahi Maru in Hainan Straits, and Japanese merchant vessels are standing by until their arrival. No news of salvage has yet been received from the Talkoo tug, which should have arrived on the spot yesterday afternoon.

CONDITIONS ON THE YANGTSE.

YANG SEN AGAIN IN THE PICTURE.

Naval wireless messages received this morning state that there is little change in the situation as regards the Japanese at Hankow. All is quiet in the Concessions, ships are being loaded and unloaded, and apart from the boycott, there is little change from conditions which have been prevailing during the past twelve months.

It is reported from Chungking that General Mo Yang is now back at Wanshan and that the Lushang forces are being driven back on Chungking by General Yang Sen and his associated generals.

FORGED BANKNOTE TRIAL.

MR. DOVEY'S EVIDENCE AT THE SESSIONS.

The case in which four Chinese, one being a woman, are charged in connexion with forged \$50 notes, was continued before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Criminal Sessions this morning, after being adjourned from Tuesday.

The prisoners are alleged to have conspired together to utter forged notes, purporting to be \$50 notes issued by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Three are charged with possession of such notes and the first prisoner faces a further charge of being in possession of implements for forging.

The case for the Crown is being conducted by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy while Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada, senior, is defending the fourth prisoner.

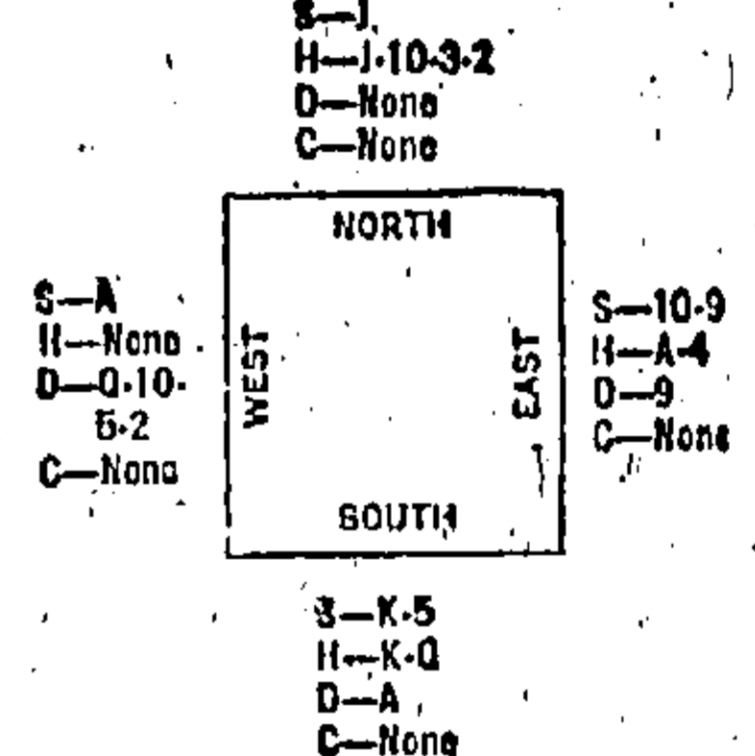
Mr. E. R. Dovey, the Government analyst, gave evidence this morning of receiving various articles from the police, including photographic apparatus, inks, engraving instruments and plates, which were found by Sgt. Whant when he searched No. 19, Queen's Road East. Sgt. Whant, in his evidence, stated that the articles were locked up and the key was produced by the first prisoner's wife.

Mr. Dovey spoke of impressions being made with the inks and apparatus which, he said, were very similar to the impressions on a genuine note.

The case is proceeding.



BY FABYAN MATHEY.



There are no trumps, and South has the lead. North and South must win three of the five tricks.

Lay out the cards on a table, as shown in the diagram, and study the situation. See if you can find a method of play that will net North and South three of the five tricks.

The Solution. Like the puzzle of the preceding day, this also deals with re-entries. In this case, however, defensive rather than offensive bridge is involved.

There is only one purpose here, but it is a very necessary purpose. Your opponents' re-entry must be taken out before he can establish his long suit.

South leads his five of spades, which West takes with the ace. South wins the return of a diamond, and has little difficulty in taking a trick each in hearts and spades.

The only satisfactory opening lead is the low spade. If a heart had been opened, East would have won with the ace. A diamond would have then been returned, and with West's ace of spades for re-entry, North and South would have been held to two tricks. If the king of spades had been opened—an obviously bad lead—East would have won a heart trick and two spade tricks. Had the ace of diamonds been opened, North and South would have won that trick alone.

Choose your leads with an eye to the future. It helps.

PORTUGUESE CATCH SNATCHER.

PRISON SENTENCE AND BIRCHING.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, sentenced a Chinese to six months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch for snatching a hand-bag and a piece of silk from a Chinese lady in Chi Wo Street, Yaumatei, yesterday afternoon.

The defendant claimed that the complainant had dropped the hand-bag and silk, and that he had picked them up to return them to her.

Sergeant Mottram informed his Worship that after snatching the articles the man ran away and was chased by two Portuguese, named Alameda and Conrad Jison, who caught him with the things still in his possession.

After hearing the evidence, the defendant stated that he ran because it was raining.

The Very Idea!

"Red" Moran, 22, a gangster, was electrocuted at one o'clock in the morning on Dec. 19 in Sing Sing jail for killing two policemen.

The execution had to be postponed for two hours, because the prisoners in Sing Sing Jail were engaged in their annual "frolie" in the prison hall, close by the death chamber, concluding with a performance of "No, No, Nanette," presented by sixty convicts.

Moran was permitted to say good-bye to his fellow prisoners, after which he chatted hopefully with the prison chaplain and entered the death chamber smoking a cigarette. His request for a pint of whisky before his last meal, to "bolster up his courage," was refused. His last visitor was his girl sweetheart, who was brought to the prison with a baby in her arms.

Moran's dinner on the night of his execution consisted of a huge stein of beer, with fried potatoes, a quart of new peas and ice-cream, and he smoked ten cigars. He was defiant to the last, but his face paled as the warders strapped him into the death chair.

"It is not necessary for a man to enter a house to be charged with breaking into it. If he breaks a pane of glass to lift the latch and only puts his hand into the house it is sufficient."—Mr. Cecil Whiteley, chairman of the Surrey Sessions.

"I was not drunk but mad that I was arrested."—Man at Marlborough-street.

Hubbard at North London: My wife has been round to my firm and told my employer's wife she is very fond of me and now I have got the sack.

Man charged with drunkenness at Tottenham: I was all right until my bootlace came undone. I stooped to tie it, over-balanced and could not get up again.

Some people recently took a house in a historic street, in an equally historic and famous district of London. After they were settled callers came, and one in especial enthusiasm over the house.

"Yes," said the hostess in response, "you know Hogarth was turned out of this house for not paying his rent."

"My dear," was the rejoinder, "but how fortunate for you!"

[A proposal for a travelling beauty specialist on the P. and O. line has been declined by the Chairmen.]

Chloe, your native charm is such that thought of art you need require.

And it has prieved me very much To think when all the world admire, You should be so extremely silly As still to strive to paint the lily.

Your cheek might shame a dunnask rose, It is so exquisitely fine, And your delicious little nose Needs nothing in the powder line.

Your lips are rudder than the cherry, To lipstick them is foolish very.

But though upon the land I claim You are as perfect as can be, I wonder would it be the same If you were tossing on the sea, And registering keen emotion Due to the movement of the ocean.

Then, if you showed a pale green cheek, Grey lips and reddened nose and eyes,

Such artificial aid as you might seek Would not occasion me surprise. Sad that in liners nobly fitted The "beauty parlour" is omitted.

An order has been issued that the dresses of the six waitresses at Glasgow City Chambers shall be longer, and shall be 18 inches off the ground.

At a dinner recently in the Chambers attention was called to the dirtiness of the girls in their neat, short skirts.

When the girls went recently for their new dresses, however, they were told that it would keep their legs warmer if another six inches of material were added. One of the waitresses next day said that the waitresses now looked like "grannies cut down."

The remark of Mr. Leslie Burgess, the representative of the Gramophone Company, Ltd., contributed to the enjoyment of a "His Master's Voice" gramophone recital, held in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh, recently.

Referring to the "Londonderry Air," as played by Mr. R. Goss-Custard, the organist, Mr. Burgess said that after a gramophone recital his company gave in London an old lady came to him and asked for the record "about the London milkman."

"The London milkman?" he queried. "Yes, yes, about the London milkman; you know, the 'London Dairy Air,'" said the old lady.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY.**FURTHER ADDITION TO THE COMPANY'S FLEET.****SHAREHOLDERS MEET.**

The twenty-fourth ordinary general meeting of the Union Water Boat Company, Limited, was held at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Company this morning, among those present being Mr. T. G. Weall (Chairman), Mr. D. E. Sousa (Secretary), Messrs. C. G. S. Mackie, S. Kinoshita and A. L. Shields (Directors), W. E. Van Epps, H. Seth, P. Brown, W. S. Bailey, L. S. Greenhill, A. D. Humphreys, and L. G. S. Dodwell (shareholders).

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman, addressing the meeting, said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts have been in your hands for some time and with your permission I will take them up now.

The profit for the year, after placing the sum of \$45,000 to Reserve Fund, and including balances brought forward from previous account amounts to \$47,815.81. Your Committee recommend that this be dealt with as follows:—Pay dividend of \$1.25 on 27,723 shares, \$34,653.75; bonus of 25 cents, \$6,930.75; carry forward to new account, \$6,231.31. This dividend and bonus is the same as last year and I trust meets with your approval.

You will notice that no appropriation has been made for depreciation on the fleet, and in explanation I would say that profit on book value of one old vessel sold in 1927, amounting to \$13,050, more than suffices to provide for depreciation on the usual liberal scale.

You will also notice that no sums are set aside for Special Repairs or Insurance Fund. Only two of the older boats now remain and it is hoped to dispose of these before it becomes necessary to lay out any large sum in repairs, and it is therefore considered that Special Repairs Fund, which has hardly been touched and stands at \$9,732.31, will be ample to provide for any repairs of a special nature.

Insurance Fund at \$71,969.97, is ample to cover the franchise on the fleet and needs no further building up for the present apart from amounts accruing from pro rata Insurance Premium. The sum placed to Reserve Fund, viz. \$45,000, is approximately equivalent to the surplus on book value of three old boats and old unclaimed dividends. It is gratifying to note that investments show a further appreciation of \$21,609 during the year.

The new boat "Tat Yat," equipped with a semi-Diesel engine, was placed in commission in August and is proving highly satisfactory and economical. We have recently laid down another boat of a similar type but with full Diesel engines, which should be ready about June to assist in supplying the heavy demands that are now being made on our reduced fleet.

Your fleet has been maintained in a high state of efficiency as usual and essential for our trade. During the year, we supplied 523,000 tons of fresh water, which is rather less than the previous year and is due principally to smaller requirement by the Navy. There are no further points requiring comment and I therefore propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any question dealing with the accounts you may wish to ask.

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. S. Bailey, who added a congratulatory reference to the directors on the year's return.

The accounts were unanimously adopted.

The Auditors.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis, the retiring auditors of the Company, offered themselves for re-election, and, on the proposal of Mr. Greenhill, seconded by Mr. H. Seth, they were re-appointed.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be available on application.

SWIMMING RECORD.**ARNE BORG STILL SETTING NEW TIMES.**

Mildura, Jan. 30.
Arne Borg, the famous Olympic swimmer, who is touring Australia, broke the quarter-mile record for Victoria to-day, completing the distance in 5 mins. 12/5ths. seconds.—*Reuter.*

London, Jan. 30.
The Queen and Princess Mary yesterday visited Saint Paul's Cathedral, and inspected the progress being made with the work proceeding there for the preservation of the fabric.—*British Wireless.*

ANGLO-AMERICAN ARBITRATION.**BRITAIN CLOSELY STUDYING DRAFT TREATY.****HIGHLY IMPORTANT.**

London, Jan. 30.

In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, was asked whether all the replies were now to hand from the several Dominion Governments on the subject of the American draft of a new Arbitration Treaty between the United States and Great Britain.

Sir Austen replied that the Government had not received the answer of one of the Dominion Governments to the enquiries addressed to all of them last March, and the considered reply of two other Dominion Governments was only received during the last few weeks.

In this connexion, it should be remembered that the attention of all our Governments was for a considerable part of last year concentrated on the negotiations for the Treaty for the Renunciation of War, which it was necessary to bring to a successful conclusion before taking up more closely the Arbitration Treaty.

The British Government were now engaged in a careful examination and comparison of the observations of the Dominion Governments, as well as of the material which they themselves had collected. They attached the highest importance to obtaining complete agreement among all His Majesty's Governments, and further exchanges of opinion would be necessary before they could send a definite reply to America.

It might add that this Treaty was of great importance, as it would presumably form a model for many others.—*British Wireless.*

RADIO BROADCAST.**LOCAL STATION CHANGING ITS CALL SIGN.**

It is notified that on and after February 1, 1929, the call sign G.B.W., used by Victoria Peak Wireless Station, Hongkong, will be changed to Z. B. W.

To-day's programme, broadcast on 350 metres, will be as follows: 6.30-6.35 p.m. Demonstration Programme.
7.48 p.m. Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. Evening Programme (Columbia Records):
"Reminiscences of Sullivan."
The Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.
"La Traviata-Fantasia." (Verdi)
Milan Symphony Orchestra.
"Tony Wedder."
(from "Pickwick Papers.")
"Bill Sykes."
(from "Oliver Twist.")
Dramatic Recital by Bransby Williams.

"Tschalkowsky's Fifth Symphony."
Milan Symphony Orchestra.
"My Hawaii." (You're Calling Me)
"O Sole mio." (My Sun)
Hawaiian Guitar, Banjo and Ukulele Trio.
Vocal gems from "H.M.S. Pinafore."
Selection from "H.M.S. Pinafore."
Prince's Orchestra.

"Anchored."
"The Bandoliers."
Bass-Baritone, Robert Howe.
"The Meanderings of Monty."
No. 8 Monty on Fashions.
No. 9 Monty on Burglars.
Monologue by Milton Hayes.

"The Geisha." Selections.
"The Sunshine Girl." Selections.
Prince's Orchestra.

"Tolens Tom-Tom."
(from "Rose Marie.")
"Pretty Things."
(from "Rose Marie.")
Fox Trot, The Hawaiian Dance Band.

Vocal gems from "Martha."
Columbia Light Opera Company.
Selections from "Martha."
Prince's Orchestra.

"Orfeo Aux Engers."
Overture, Court Symphony Orch.
"Trip in G Major."
"Serenade." (Widor)

The Chernavsky Trio
(Violin, Cello and Piano).
"The Pirates of Penzance."
Selections, Prince's Orchestra.

Vocal gems from
"The Pirates of Penzance."
Columbia Light Opera Company.
10.10 p.m. News Bulletin.

"Sixth Hungarian Rhapsody."
Piano Solo, Arthur Friedheim.
"The Showman." Burlesque Sketch
by Bransby Williams.

God Save The King.
10.30 p.m. Close Down.

Shanghai, Jan. 26.

If present plans develop as anticipated, ratepayers in the International Settlement at Shanghai will be asked to decide at the next annual meeting whether or not they are willing to sell the Electricity Department of the Municipal Council to private interests.

We understand that three separate interests are in the field to acquire the Electricity Undertaking, and there is in Shanghai at the present time a representative of a British Corporation who has been engaged in inspecting the plant and going into details, and four other prospective foreign purchasers are on their way here.—*Shanghai Times.*

HAIPHONG CHINESE EXTRADITION.**BANKRUPTCY OFFENCE NOW ALLEGED.****SOLICITOR'S QUERY.**

The case against a Haiphong Chinese, who is being held against the issuing of an application from the Indo-China authorities for his extradition, was again mentioned before Mr. R. E. Lindsay at the Central Police Court this morning. Originally in connexion with a charge of larceny of money at the French port, the case was amended to one of fraud through the medium of alleged false title-deeds. With the receipt of the long-awaited requisition papers from Haiphong, it was to-day disclosed that the charge preferred by the French police against the fugitive was that of committing "an offence against the bankruptcy law."

For the second time, the charge was amended to accord with the new situation, and his Worship this morning informed Mr. F. H. Loseby (appearing for the defence) that he had already issued a new warrant, after receiving the necessary order from His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Loseby submitted that under the provisions of Section 8 of the Ordinance, his Worship had no power to issue the new warrant without justification in the form of sworn information. Mr. Loseby questioned the extent of the information thus received.

His Worship agreed that all the information that had been taken cognizance of, for the issuing of the new warrant, came from what was divulged in the requisition papers just received. Rightly or wrongly, he had issued the warrant and the fugitive was before the Court on such warrant. For all they knew, his Worship remarked the original charge in relation to which all requirements in the form of sworn information had been satisfied, might be part and parcel of the new charge on which it was proposed to proceed. It was mentioned that in French from Haiphong were being translated.

In adjourning the case until Tuesday morning, his Worship directed that copies of the translation be forwarded to Mr. Loseby.

COAL THEFT.**YOUNG CHINESE WOMAN ENTERS HOUSE.**

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on a young Chinese woman who was charged with larceny of a suit case and 17 pieces of clothing from No. 40, Yat Tak Road, Kowloon City. The defendant pleaded guilty.

According to Sergeant Armit, the defendant forced the lock from the door of the complainant's house and, during the absence of all the inmates, went inside, bolting the door behind her. Shortly afterwards, one of the tenants returned and after opening the door the defendant walked out of the house with the suit case. She was later arrested and handed over to the police.



"Give me some toy balloons and one of those horns that go BLA-A-H."

CANTON CUSTOMS CHIEF.**RESIGNATION OF MR. CHU CHAO-HSIN CONFIRMED.****OTHER POST RUMOUR.**

Canton, Jan. 30.

The Canton Gazette of to-day's date confirms a rumour that has been in circulation for a number of days regarding the resignation of Mr. Chu Chao-hsin from his position as Superintendent of the Chinese Maritime Customs in Canton.

According to the Canton Gazette, Mr. Chu Chao-hsin has resigned his post owing to pressure of work in connexion with his other post as Commissioner for Foreign Affairs under the National Provincial Government of Kwangtung.

However, rumour has it that pressure was brought to bear on Mr. Chu more or less obliging him to resign, and that it is not at all unlikely that he will also resign his other post as Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in the near future.

Mr. Fan Kee-mo has been appointed in the place of Mr. Chu Chao-hsin as Superintendent of Chinese Maritime Customs in Canton. Mr. Fan Kee-mo, who is also Director of the Canton Salt Administration, is at present in Nanking in connexion with the Ministry of Finance.

The Gazette adds that Mr. Chu Chao-hsin is to proceed to the Philippine Islands next month to investigate the lot of the Chinese there, and to encourage them to form a Branch Association of Aeronautics in their locality, in company with Mr. Chen Tsi-hai of the Special Sectional Branch of the Chinese Aeronautical Association.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

SWEDEN'S WIRELESS TELEPHONES.**COMMUNICATION ESTABLISHED WITH 19 NATIONS.**

The internationalization of Sweden and its co-operation with foreign countries is progressing with remarkable rapidity, and new extensions of these connexions are continuously reported.

A statement by the Government Department of Telegraphs and Telephones, just published, shows that Sweden has telephone communication with no less than 19 different countries: These are: Denmark, Norway, Finland, Lithuania, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Holland, Bulgaria, Danzig, Hungary, the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba and Luxembourg. Within a few months telephone connexions with three more countries viz.: Poland, Italy and Argentina, will be opened.

As the new year was about to dawn, Peter Gaynard, 67, fell on his head at his home at Heywood in attempting to light his pipe at the fire and died at once.

Mr. Eric Louw, Trade Commissioner for South Africa, is proceeding to England soon to act as Union High Commissioner.

AMBITION DAMPED BY COST.**COURT'S FINDING IN CLAIM BY ARCHITECT.****PLAINTIFF SUCCEEDS.**

The Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks) this morning delivered judgment in the case in which Mr. William Thom, architect, sued Cheng Taze-yuen, and the Wing Yip Company, for the sum of \$700 claimed as being due for professional services rendered.

Mr. J. M. Hall was for the plaintiff and Mr. F. X. D'Almada, defended.

His Lordship said:—This is a claim by an architect for professional services rendered in connexion with the preparation of plans for levelling New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 615 and erecting a dwelling house thereon.

The plaintiff appears to have no satisfactory record of the instructions he received. His plans bear no dates or notes relating to approval or otherwise, but defendant admits instructing him to prepare plans for approval and in respect of part of the claim has paid \$200 into Court.

The plaintiff prepared tracings in accordance with a sketch put before him by defendant, which he contends that defendant approved.

The plaintiff has put in the drawings which he prepared. I do not believe he would have gone to the length of preparing these had his tracings not been approved. Neither do I believe that he would have prepared contract plans had his drawings not been approved. Such a course would have been sheer waste of time.

Too Costly.

The evidence was conflicting but I believe the architect prepared plans according to his instructions and that his plans were approved.

It was contended by defendant that the drawings were for a building too large for the area available, but I find on scaling them that this is not so. The house shown on the drawings does not exceed an area of 4,000 square feet according to scale.

The defendant at some time had discovered that the orientation of the house as shown in the drawings did not please him but this would not render the plans useless provided sufficient area was available.

The defendant admitted that he wanted an extension in order that the house might be turned to another position. The extension was granted. So this seems no reason why he should not have approved the plans and proceeded with the work.

I believe the reason the work was not proceeded with was that the cost was heavier than the defendant anticipated and that he subsequently decided to erect something less ambitious.

The claim seems to me a reasonable one for the amount of work done. I give judgment for the plaintiff for \$500 and costs. The \$200 paid into Court may be paid out to the plaintiff.

CAFE 'DEFAUDED.'**WITH FORGED CANADIAN BANKNOTE.**

From the cashier of the Prince Cafe, the police have received a report to the effect that the Cafe has been defrauded through the acceptance of a forged note from a customer.

It appears that two Chinese entered the Cafe yesterday and, after consuming meals to the value of \$2 and purchasing a box of chocolates, they tendered a banknote in payment. The note appeared to have been issued by the Imperial Bank of Canada.

The cashier, calculating the current exchange of the day, returned \$27.16, after deducting the necessary amount for the cost of the box of chocolates and the two meals eaten. The customers then left the shop.

The fraud was discovered after the cashier had gone to the money-changer's, where he was informed that the note was a forgery.

MACDONA ACTRESS ROBBED.

One of the most popular members of the Macdona Players, Miss Joan Blair, suffered the unpleasant experience of having her bag snatched by a coolie last Thursday afternoon in Shanghai while proceeding from the Lyceum Theatre to the Astor House Hotel. The bag contained some \$15 in cash and several keys, all of which were returned when the thief was overtaken by a ricksha coolie who sprung to the lady's aid.

Both the accused and the ricksha coolie, as well as Miss Blair, appeared at the Provisional Court next morning and after the thief had received a sentence of six months, the Court praised the captor and rewarded him with \$2.

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HONGKONG'S TEAM FOR INTERPORT.

SEVERE TEST SURVIVED
YESTERDAY.

PROBABLE ELEVEN.

[By "Wanderer."]

Having been exposed to one of the severest tests possible, and having survived it with great credit all round, it came as no surprise to learn that yesterday's Interport Trial XI has satisfied the Selection Committee. A week ago, I suggested that a stronger side would be difficult to find in the Colony, and yesterday's display fully justified that confidence.

The team was asked to play on a treacherously slippery ground against a powerful Navy team, to which the pitch should have been ideally suited. The Interporters won by four goals to two, and they missed the Navy goal by inches only on at least six other occasions.

The result was, in no small measure, a tribute to the capital passes served up to the forward line by McKelvie, who gave a great display of constructive football. In defence, McKelvie did not show up quite so prominently, a fact partly accounted for by the methods of the Navy, correct methods incidentally, that of putting with the ball before tackling was possible, and partly because Fung King-cheong and Suen Kam-shun rarely fell back to assist the defenders.

Error in Tactics.

It was an error in tactics that must be rectified on the day of the Interport, though doubtless the heavy going was chiefly responsible.

No description of the game is of interest. McKelvie scored within ten minutes from twenty yards range, and Fung King-cheong added from close range mid-way through the first half. Everest reduced the lead by putting through his own goal in an unavoidable manner. The Interporters scored through Fung King-cheong and Gosano, before Kernick got a smart goal for the Navy in the second half.

A fact of great importance is that the Chinese members of the team, in spite of the conditions, played up splendidly. The combination forward was a treat to witness on occasions, and the manner in which the line eluded the attentions of such brilliant defenders as Evans and Baker speaks volumes.

Lam Yuk-ying, making his first appearance in the field for over a month, gave an extremely capable display against a wing that exploited the triangle passing game to perfection, and he was well supported by Bishop, whose understanding with Wynne and Lam proved a big factor in the defence.

Everest Solid.

On the other wing, Everest played solidly against a lively wing. His display is of particular moment since he is the only player whom the Committee are considering dropping. He is a player who can do all that is required of him in defence and still be up with his forwards to render assistance, which is a more than useful asset.

Wynne, behind him, was in splendid form, revealing no sign of his ups and downs on Saturday.

I still think Everest should get his place, though the team will possess the curiosity of having no military representative if he does not.

The Selection Committee has not announced definitely the team that will turn out, having selected eighteen players. The final decision will, I understand, depend on the state of the ground on the day of the match. Yesterday's game proved that the drier the day, the better for Hongkong, but it also showed that the side has much ability whatever the conditions.

The Probable Eleven.

The players chosen are as follows: Clark (Police); Wynne (Police); Bishop (Club); C. F. Remedios (Recrolo); McKelvie (Kowloon) captain; Lam Yuk-ying (Chinese Athletic); Barkham (Tamar); Fung King-cheong (South China); Gosano (Recrolo) vice-captain; Suen Kam-shun (Chinese Ath.) and Chan Kwong-uf (Chinese Ath.) This is the probable team.

Seven others have been named as possible, as follows: Everest (K.O.S.B.), Hooper (Queen's), Lal Yuk-tat (Chinese Ath.), Hill (Queen's), Caldicott (Queen's) Stock (K.O.S.B.) and Rocha (Recrolo).

SHAMHEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

NAVAL GAME ENDS IN
DRAW.

An extraordinarily good game was witnessed on Tuesday when H.M.S. Moth drew with H.M.S. Seaweed in the Shamheen Football League. The match was very exciting throughout. There was no score on either side, though it might easily have ended at 1-1 as there were two disputed goals, one for each side. In both cases there was some doubt as to whether the ball had actually crossed the line or not, but the referee disallowed both. In the first case, the goalie of H.M.S. Seaweed made a save from a long shot and in swinging his arm around to clear the ball, there was some doubt as to whether he did not swing the ball within the goal line. The second case was somewhat similar; there was a terrific struggle on the goal line of H.M.S. Moth which was finally cleared by a fine kick from the goalie, but some claimed that the ball had actually crossed the goal line. The teams were:

H.M.S. Seaweed:—Goodman (Captain); Chapman, Horn; Forrest; Leeson, Grimsdell; Alderman, Thwaites, Mitchell, Howard and Thompson.

H.M.S. Moth:—Wickenden; Win-cup, Dewey; Flint, Jordan (Captain); Gold; Bates, Harrison, Beard, Hodgkinson and Love.

FOOTBALL TEAMS.

The following will represent the Kowloon 1st XI v. South China Athletic in a League match at Caroline Hill ground on Saturday, kick-off at 4 p.m.:—Angus; Robson, Pile; Hedley, Easterbrook, Dowman; Cleme; Bilas, Spary, McKelvie and Miles. Reserves:—Baldwin and Davies.

The following will represent the Kowloon 2nd XI v. H.M.S. Suffolk in a friendly game on Kowloon Football Club ground on Kowloon, kick-off at 4 p.m.:—Angus; Moore, Eastman (Capt.); Hart, Campbell, Nicholls; Hannan, McIntyre, Moss, Morgan and Blacklock. Reserves:—Waddington, Seddon, King and White.

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong F.C. in their match with the China Athletic on the Club ground at 4 p.m. on Saturday:—Edwards; Holt, Bishop; McBride, Stewart, Watson; Reid, Alexander, Waddington, Trambitzky and Buchanan.

PING-PONG MATCH.

CHINESE POLICE RESERVE MAINTAIN SUPREMACY.

At the Headquarters of the Chinese Police Reserve on Tuesday evening, the Philippine Club met the home team in a pingpong match over a series of 125 games the Reserve winning by the overwhelming margin of 103 games to 22.

The outstanding players for the Police Reserve were Mr. P. K. Poon, who took 23 games of 25, while Mr. C. Shin, the Police champion took 22 games of 25. In 11 matches the visitors registered no score, while one Filipino player went through his five games without recording a single point.

THE HOCKEY CLUB.

TEAM FOR GAME WITH THE H.K.S.R.A.

The following will represent the "A" team of the Hongkong Hockey Club in their match with H.K.S.R.A. on the Marina Ground to-morrow at 5 p.m.:—R. W. Sapsed, E. R. Robinson, G. Rankin, A. A. R. Botelho, A. C. Howell, A. J. W. Ashby, F. E. G. Munn (captain), N. W. Lasander, G. R. Vallack, I. A. Ross and A. N. Other.

ASIATIC LABOUR.

CONFERENCE TO MEET THIS YEAR.

Geneva, Jan. 30. The International Labour Office announces that the first meeting of the Asiatic Labour Conference will be held this year, preferably in India, under the chairmanship of Mr. Suzuki. The secretaries will be Messrs. Joshi, Yonokubo and a Chinese delegate who has not yet been appointed.—Reuter.

HSIN WAH INQUIRY DISCLOSURE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

lowered. His position, he explained, was at the No. 3 lifeboat on the starboard side of the ship, and that was the boat to which he went.

In Charge of Lifeboat.

Asked if anyone had instructed him to go to No. 3 boat, witness said no-one gave him instructions, but he added that he was always connected with that boat.

Witness, in explaining this, used the term "in charge of that boat," but Mr. M. M. Watson, who is watching the proceeding on behalf of the owners, explained that an officer was in charge of that lifeboat.

Witness added the information that the Second Officer was in charge of No. 3 starboard lifeboat. The boat had been swung out, but not actually in the water when witness arrived. He got into it by sliding down the falls. There were twenty persons in the boat, four of whom were passengers and the remainder crew.

Asked if he knew how many persons the boat was supposed to hold, witness said he did not know, but added that twenty appeared to be overloading it.

Too Many Aboard?

The Coroner asked witness if he knew that the boat was supposed to hold forty people, to which witness replied that he could not say, but it might conceivably have held thirty or forty. Asked if he thought twenty was a good number for the boat, witness replied that the seas were high, the passengers panicky, the boat was rocking and water had been shipped. Under the circumstances, twenty persons appeared to be too much for the boat.

Two of the crew lowered the boat which got safely away. Witness could not say if those two men got into the water, but the boat itself got safely away and after drifting in the sea for some time, they sighted a fishing junk and cried "Save Life!" They were rescued and taken to Shaukiwan and later to the Water Police Station.

Witness said he saw the Hsin Wah founder after he had got away in the life-boat, the last light showing on the stern before she went under.

Passengers' Refusal.

Instructions were given by the Chief Officer to lower the boats, but he saw only one boat being actually swung out, this being the one in which he got away. The others were filled with passengers who refused to get out to enable the boats to be swung out, in spite of being persuaded thereto by witness.

By the Coroner:—He did not assist in swinging out the life-boat, because he was kept behind by the Captain, assisting the latter to fire rockets.

By the jury:—His own boat was in danger of being swamped, in view of which he could not stand by to pick others from the water. Those who finally got into the boat, with him, were seven sailors, three firemen, two stewards, two of the company's staff, the boatsman and four passengers.

By the Coroner:—He did not see any members of the crew keeping the passengers away from the other boats. He could not give any explanation of how, in the case of his own boat, more of the crew than passengers got into it.

By the jury:—The ship's crew had boat-drill practice sometimes once a month, and sometimes once in every two months. They had had no boat-drill on the present voyage, but they had one when the ship was last in Canton. All of the crew had been on the vessel for a long period, ranging between two and three years.

Permission Given.

By the Coroner:—The Captain told him to swing out the No. 3 life-boat, and, finding it already lowered, he got into it.

The Coroner:—But he did not give you permission to leave in it?

Witness, who appeared to have some difficulty in understanding the question, replied that he did not receive any assistance in going into the boat.

The Coroner:—What nonsense are you saying? Do you imagine you would be carried into the boat?

Witness, pressed, asserted that he did have the Captain's permission to leave the ship in the boat.

The inquiry is proceeding.

In connexion with the Appeals Board constituted at the meeting of the Football Association the name of Dr. Kotewall should appear instead of that of Mr. Hamilton.

When her bedroom door was forced open on Dec. 23 Mrs. Jane Ellen Jones Welford, 43, a widow, of Cotswold-road, Westcliff-on-Sea, was found dead in bed from gas poisoning.

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SCHNEIDER TROPHY.

THIS YEAR'S COURSE TO BE
QUADRILATERAL.

London, Jan. 30.

The course of this year's Schneider Trophy race, to be flown over the Solent, will be quadrilateral instead of triangular, as in all previous races. This decision has been made owing to the difficulty in negotiating sharp turns at the great speeds now being attained by racing seaplanes. The alteration is expected to enable the competitors to attain average speeds more nearly approaching the maximum of which the entrants are capable.—British Wireless.

New York, Jan. 30.

The liner Majestic is proceeding to New York from Southampton to-day with \$5,500,000 gold, bought by various New York bankers.

The Aquitania has arrived in New York with \$7,500,000 gold.—Reuter's American Service.

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SCIENCE AND MAN.

A REPLY TO LOCAL CRITICISMS.

In an interesting lecture, delivered before a large audience at St. Patrick's Club yesterday evening, Father Gallagher, S. J., replied to recent controversialists on the question of evolution, choosing as his subject: "Science, Exploring the Woods." In dwelling on the vast field which science opened up, and which had to be covered, if it was to be covered efficiently, at all, by the system of specialisation in all its ramifications, the speaker uttered a warning against venturing out of one's depth and applying the discoveries of one branch as an explanation for another.

Addressing the gathering, Father Gallagher said: "Before beginning my lecture this evening I wish to make a few remarks. Last Wednesday during the course of his lecture Father Byrne invited questions. He waited at the end to see whether any difficulties would be proposed. No question was put. During the course of the week letters appeared over noma-de-plume. One was from Taga Ilog, who I assume was present at the lecture. If so he did not grasp Fr. Byrne's point at all. The second was from one who was not present at the lecture, but read an account of it in the paper of Jan 24. It is signed A.M.B.S. and will be found in the open Forum of the S. C. M. Post of date 26th. Now I am not going to deal with the whole of the mischievous. The answers to it will appear in subsequent lectures, but I want to call your attention to this paragraph:—

"Father Byrne states that Sir Arthur Keith in claiming over 350,000 years for the existence of man is guilty of false philosophising. I really think he ought to substantiate that allegation as to Sir Arthur Keith, either in the Press or in his next lecture. On the face of it, it would appear that he disregards the unanimous expert testimony as to man's great antiquity."

Father Byrne's Words.

Here is what Fr. Byrne actually said, and I am quoting from the paper which I presume A.M.B.S. had before him when he wrote:—"We can quite conceive opposition here between Scientists and Theologians; quite a different thing than opposition between Science and Religion. If in the official creed of a certain Religious Society it be embodied as an article of Faith that man came into existence four thousand years ago, and on the other hand, anthropologists, as Sir Arthur Keith, claim over 350,000 years for the existence of man there is clear opposition but between what? Religion and Science? Not but between a view erroneously put forward by a religious sect or derived by false philosophising on the part of a group of Scientists."

Father Byrne's statement is a disjunctive sentence... either, or. He does not say which is right, which is wrong. What he does say is that if one is right then the other is wrong. They may be both wrong. He leaves the question open. Now A. M.B.S. had the account before him. He says so. "I read with interest, etc." The opening sentence. He actually had Fr. Byrne's words before him and yet he coolly sits down and publishes something totally different. Comment is unnecessary, and I will only say

MISSING CONSUL.

MR. LANGFORD SMITH PRESUMED DEAD.

Shanghai, Jan. 30.
The British Supreme Court has granted the application for liberty to presume the death of Mr. J. Langford Smith.—*Reuter.*

[Mr. John Langford Smith, lately British Consul at Chefoo, who was recently transferred to Amoy, was reported missing on the 17th December. He joined the steamer Ninghai at Shanghai to take up his post at Amoy. The Captain of the ship later sent a wireless message stating that he was not on board.

At an enquiry held on the arrival of the Ninghai at Amoy it was stated that Mr. Langford Smith was last seen at ten o'clock on the night of December 13, going to his cabin. His absence was discovered the following morning. Mr. Smith left letters from which it is believed he intended to commit suicide. Mr. Smith became a student-interpreter in 1897 and in 1900 was acting Consul-General in Tientsin. He received the China medal with Relief of Peking clasp. Subsequently he served at Hanchow, Shanghai, Chengtu, Chungking, Tientsin, Tainan, Hanchow, Ichang, Kluksang and Chefoo. He was 61 years of age.]

R.A.F. FATALITIES.

THREE KILLED IN CRASH AT EASTCHURCH.

London, Jan. 30.
Flying Officer Ingle and aircraftmen Johnson and Howick have been killed in an aeroplane crash at Eastchurch.—*Reuter.*

this, that it is not fair controversy—that that is not playing the game. No decent controversialist will attribute to another man what he had not said, and the least he could have done was to confine himself to what was said.

Age of the Earth.

I may also add this. Sir Arthur Keith makes man 350,000 years old. How old he makes the world I do not know but I am fairly certain that he has not made it as old as did a lecturer recently when he delivered a lecture on the age of the earth before a big number of the Scientists of America. He, basing his calculations on the researches he himself had made as well as on the most recent conclusions of Geophysicists, places the age of the earth at between 1,300,000,000 and 1,800,000,000 years. That lecturer was a Catholic, that lecturer was a Jesuit, Fr. Francis A. Tondorf, Director of the Geomorphological Observatory of the Georgetown University.

And what is going to happen to poor Fr. Tondorf? Nothing for the Church leaves the age of the world and the age of man an open question. Catholics are free to put any age they like on the one and the other. The only thing that the Church insists on is that both the world and man were created by God.

The speaker then continued with the main theme of his lecture. Owing to pressure on our news space, the report of Father Gallagher's very interesting and lengthy discourse is held over for a future issue.

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JAPAN AND NEW TARIFF.

NOTES NOT TO BE PUBLISHED.

Peking, Jan. 30.
In reference to the Chinese and Japanese tariff agreement *Reuter* learns that the Japanese intended to publish notes, the notes which had been exchanged, but the Chinese authorities requested that they should not be published. The Japanese Government has agreed, and has wired to Peking accordingly and therefore nothing will be published at present. The reason why the Charge d'Affaires Mr. Hori, is signing, is because Mr. Yoshizawa is still technically on leave.—*Reuter.*

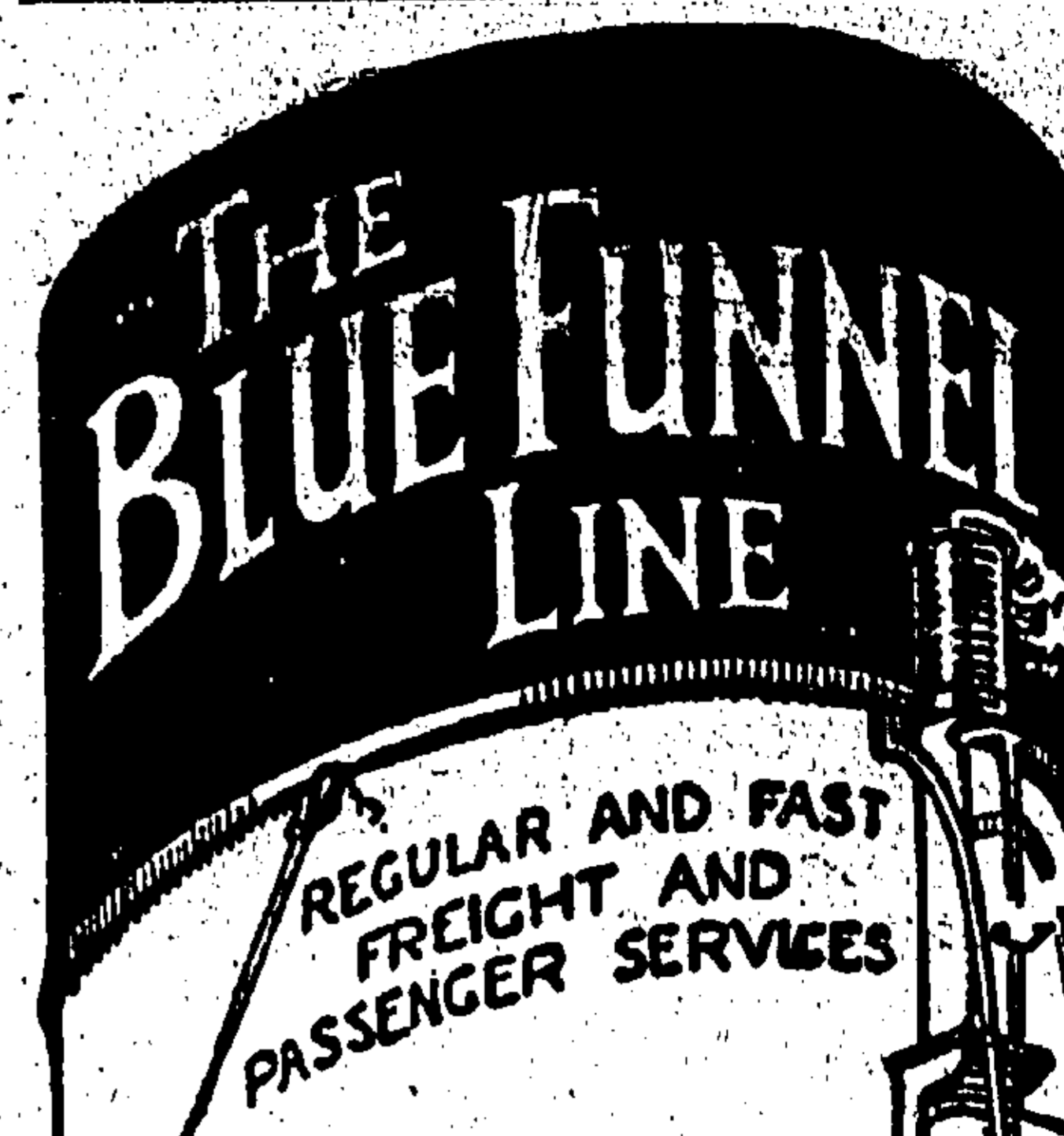
Mr. Yoshizawa in an Optimistic Mood.

Shanghai, Jan. 30.
The prospects of the Sino-Japanese negotiations are quite bright," declared Mr. Yoshizawa when interviewed on his arrival at Shanghai from Nanking this evening.

He said he "clearly recognised" the sincerity of the National Government in its desire for the restoration of normalcy of relations between China and Japan. He confirmed the report that no final agreement had been reached as regards the Tainan incident, but said an amicable solution could be expected, as "both parties are firmly determined to do their utmost for that purpose."

He added that questions relating to Manchuria and Mongolia had hitherto not been brought up, and concluded:—"It is more than probable that the Japanese Government will announce formal recognition of the National Government at an opportune time in the near future."—*Reuter.*

London, Jan. 30.
The Church Congress will meet in September in Toronto at the invitation of the Bishop of Toronto. This will be the first time that the Congress has been held outside the British Isles.—*British Wireless.*



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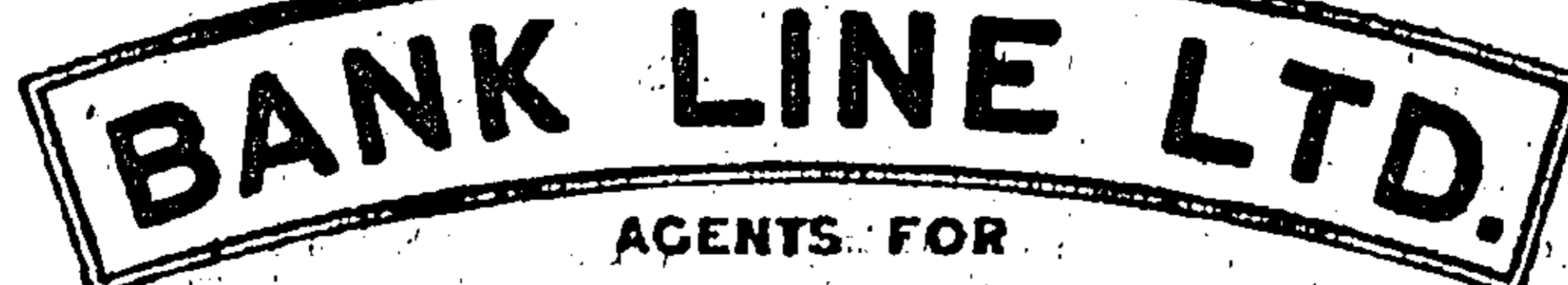
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On reaching Nairobi, the machines will carry out co-operative exercises with the King's African Rifles, and will proceed to Cape-town in March. The outward terminal point is Durban, 6,300 miles from Cairo, and on the return flight the machines will be accompanied from Pretoria to Khartoum by aircraft of the South African air force.

The Fairey long-distance monoplane by which it is hoped to establish a fresh long-distance flight record, has one more sustained test to make before it sets out in three stages: for South Africa, from which an attempt will be made to reach England in one continuous flight.—*British Wireless.*

TROTZKY TO GO.

ORDERED TO LEAVE SOVIET TERRITORY.

Berlin, Jan. 30.

The Communist newspaper *Rote Fahne* states that Trotzky has been ordered to leave Soviet territory with his family and reside permanently outside Russia, on the ground that he is the leader of a movement to overthrow Soviet rule by spreading dissension in the Red Army.—*Reuter.*

Turkish Asylum.

Constantinople, Jan. 30. The Government has informed Trotzky that he will be allowed to enter Turkey if he desires.—*Reuter.*

GOVERNMENT DEFEAT.

THE NORTH MIDLOTHIAN BY-ELECTION.

London, Jan. 30.

The Government has been defeated in the by-election at North Midlothian held owing to the death of Sir George Clark Hutchinson.

It has resulted as follows: Mr. Andrew Clarke (Labour) 7,917.

Major John Colville (Conservative) 6,965.
Mr. David Kier (Liberal) 3,130.
Mr. Lewis Spence (Scottish Nationalist) 842.—*Reuter.*

EMPIRE PRODUCE.

BRITISH IMPORTS SHOW BIG INCREASE.

London, Jan. 30.

Imports of Empire produce into Britain have in the last two years broken all previous records for many commodities.

These include Australian apples, pears and canned fruit; New Zealand cheese, frozen lamb and frozen pork; South African pears, sugar and wine; Canadian wheat and raw tobacco; East African coffee, and Rhodesian tobacco.—*British Wireless.*

A "LOVE GIFT."

AIMEE TAKES JUDGE HARDY BY SURPRISE.

Los Angeles, Jan. 30.

Questioned by the committee of investigation with regard to his acceptance of \$2,500 from Mrs. Aimee McPherson, which the latter described as a "love gift," Judge Hardy said the contribution surprised him. He was not a member of the "Temple," but had been closely allied with it.

He never acted as counsel for Aimee, or her mother, and when consulted by them advised the employment of counsel.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[A San Francisco message of January 18 stated that the name of Judge Hardy had been removed from the membership roll of the American Bar Association, following a sensational admission during a Grand Jury Enquiry that he received a fee of \$2,500 from Mrs. Aimee McPherson, the well-known evangelist. The fee, he said, was for legal advice given prior to the time she was charged with conspiracy in connection with her story of kidnapping. The "kidnapping" of Aimee McPherson created a great sensation in the spring of 1926. Charges of conspiracy in connection with her "disappearance" were subsequently dismissed.]

LONDON TO SYDNEY.

ROUTE TO BE STUDIED FOR EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

Sydney, Jan. 30.

Captain Kingsford Smith and Mr. Uim at the end of February will fly to England in the "Southern Cross," in which they crossed the Pacific and also the Tasman Sea. They will closely study the route from Australia to Karachi with a view to contracting with the Imperial Authorities for the extension of the projected Imperial Airways' England to India service to Australia.—*Reuter.*

PARIS TO HANOI.

FRENCH AIRMEN TO START NEW AIR POST.

Paris, Jan. 30.

The noted airman Costes, accompanied by Codos, hopes to leave for Hanoi on February 19 in a Breguet plane with a six hundred horsepower Hispano motor. He will also carry a mechanic and a journalist, and 150 kilograms of mail.

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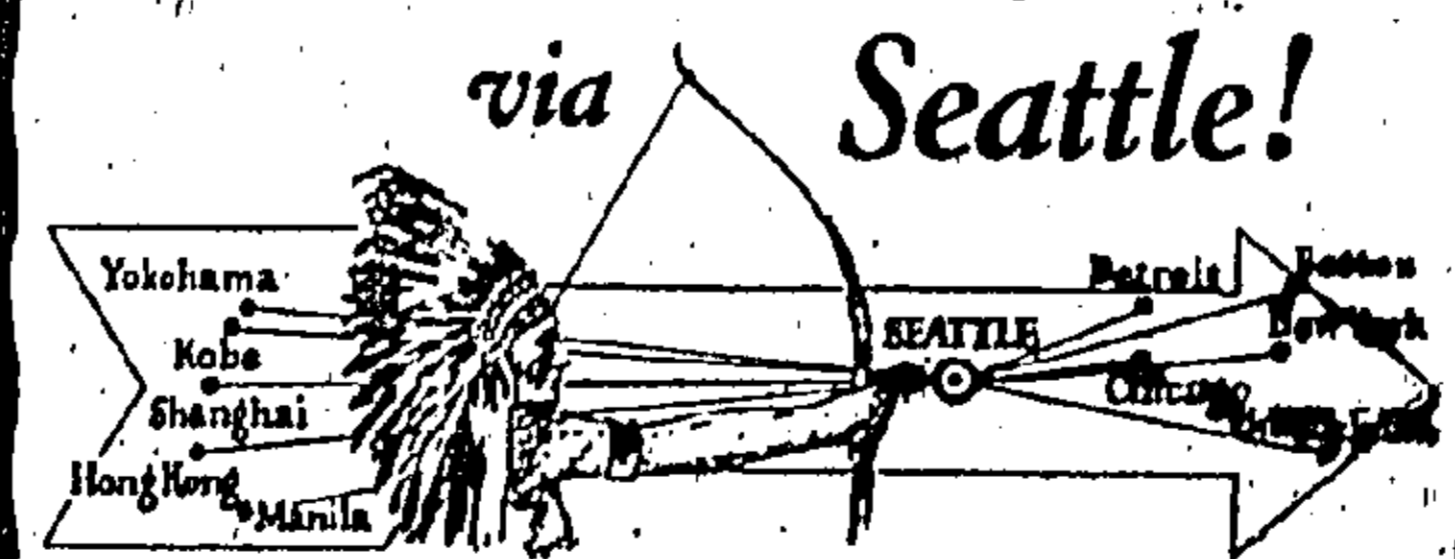
DECISION TO ISSUE BONDS FOR \$50,000,000.

Shanghai, Jan. 30.

It is reported from Nanking that the State Council has authorised the issue of \$50,000,000 of troop disbandment public bonds at 98, with interest at eight per cent, redeemable in full within ten years.

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The report as to the issue of bonds is confirmed.—*Reuter.*

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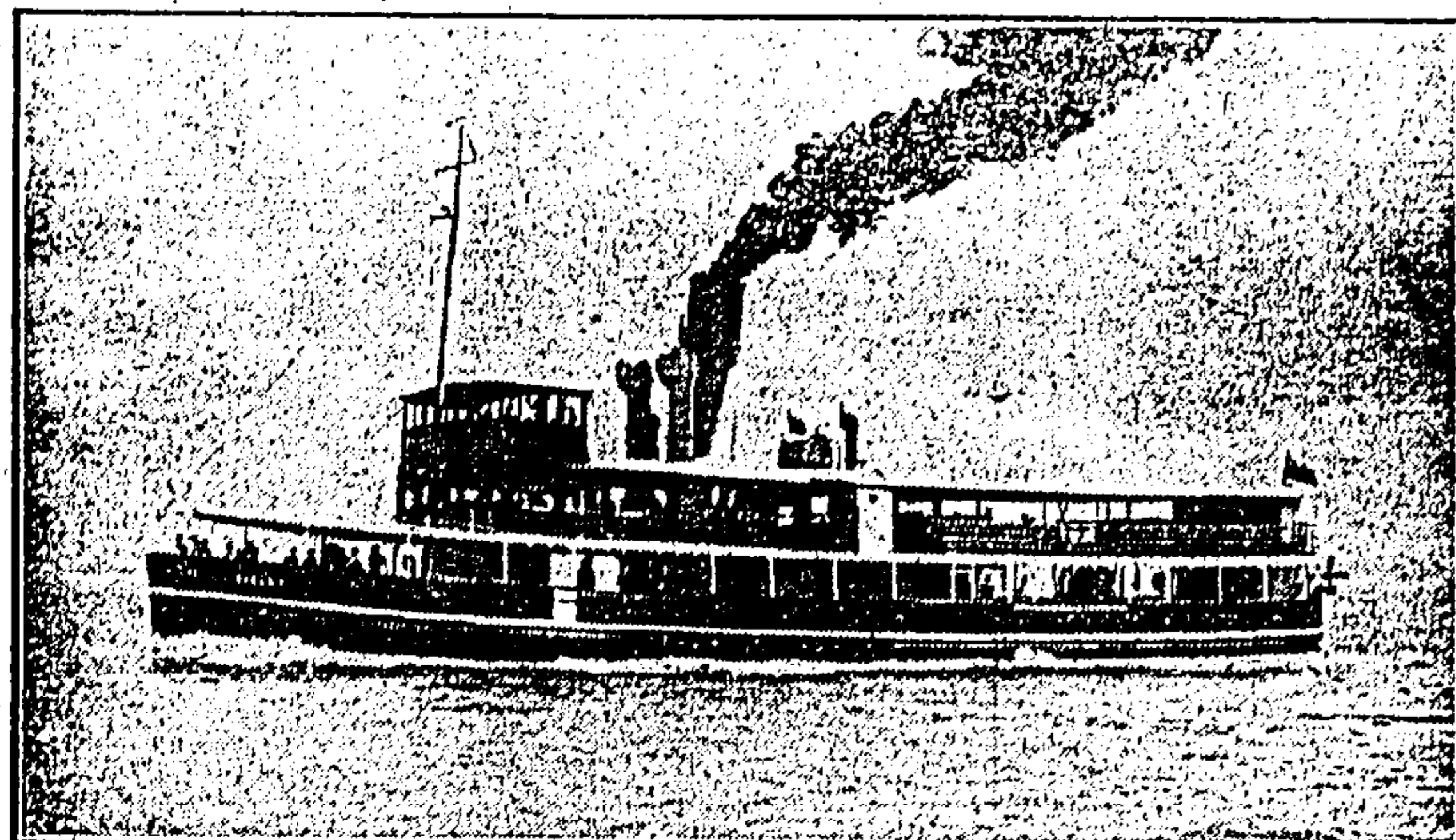
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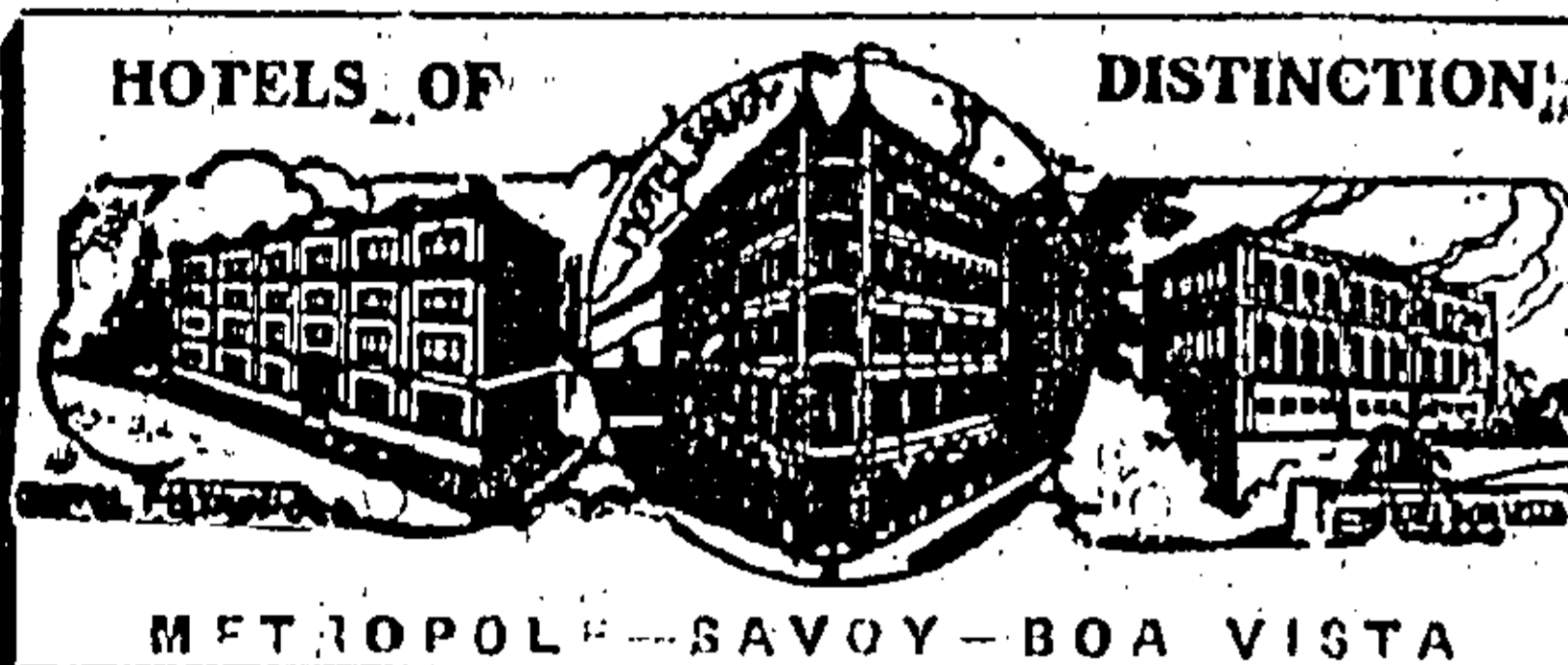
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EUROPEAN'S ALLEGED CONFESSION.

IN A LETTER SENT FROM HONGKONG.

VALUED AT \$125,000.

The Singapore branch of a firm of diamond merchants doing business all over the world is the centre of a sensational diamond theft story says the *Straits Times*. One of its Europeans, holding a general power of attorney, is alleged to have confessed to the theft of \$125,000 worth of precious stones in a letter from Hongkong, thereby clearing up a mystery that has engaged the attention of the police of Singapore and Colombo for over three months.

The employee was in the Singapore firm of Sam Buchenholz and Co., in North Bridge Road, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest, but the latest news of him is that he has disappeared from Nanking into the interior of China.

Parcel Despatched.

On Sept. 12 a parcel of diamonds valued at \$128,000 was sent by Sam Buchenholz and Co., by registered letter post, to Colombo, addressed to the European at Post Restante, Colombo. The parcel was taken to the Post Office at Singapore by this employee and by Mr. F. Buchenholz, the employee following it up to Colombo a few days later.

At Colombo the parcel was opened in the presence of the Customs Appraiser, and the sensational discovery was then made that \$125,000 of precious stones had been stolen and only a small packet valued at \$3,000 left.

An examination of the package revealed that a hole had been cut in the case in which the various packets of diamonds had been placed.

The Seal Removed.

A seal which had been impressed on sealing wax had been very carefully cut round and removed, the paper underneath it and the tin being similarly cut. A piece of cardboard was replaced to cover the hole. The seal coming on top of this was so carefully worked at the edges that it was difficult, except by careful examination to tell that it had been taken off.

The package had been posted at Singapore immediately before the closing of the homeward mail, and there was no time for the theft, which was apparently the work of an expert, to have been done there.

The police, however, had an analysis made of the wax of the seal that had been tampered with, and this showed that in the replacing of the seal the same wax had been used. That cleared the Singapore Postal employees of all suspicion.

Alleged Confession.

Investigations were continued, both by the Singapore and the Colombo police. The European employee, in the meantime, having reported the loss at Colombo, went on to Cairo, on the firm's business. He returned to the Far East, passing through Singapore on his way to Saigon, also on the firm's business, and the affair remained a mystery till a few days ago.

Then Mr. E. Buchenholz in Singapore received a letter from his employee. It was written from Hongkong and in it he is alleged to have confessed the theft, explaining that he substituted a dummy package, in which he had placed only \$3,000 worth of diamonds, for the genuine parcel.

The Hongkong police were immediately notified but the self-confessed thief, expecting such prompt action, had left for Nanking, and now it is believed that he has disappeared into the interior of China.

SECOND OFFICER'S PUNISHMENT.

PORTUGAL ASKED TO ORDER REVISION.

London, Jan. 30.

In the House of Commons today, the Foreign Secretary said that instructions are being sent to the British Ambassador in Lisbon to request the Portuguese Government to order a revision of the case of Mr. Brewer, second officer of the steamer *Clan Lamont*.

After arrest on a charge of the theft of £1, Mr. Brewer was imprisoned for nine months while awaiting trial in Portuguese West Africa, and was then condemned to 360 days' imprisonment and £18 fine, or another 90 days' imprisonment.—*British Wireless*.

SURPRISES IN CUP REPLAYS.

ASTON VILLA GET EIGHT GOALS AT CLAPTON.

DERBY COUNTY OUT.

London, Jan. 30.

There were two astonishing results in the F.A. Cup re-plays to-day. Aston Villa, famous Cup-fighters, who surprised by falling to beat the Orient at Birmingham, made no mistake in London, trouncing their opponents to the tune of eight clear goals.

Derby County also received a shock, Blackburn Rovers qualifying for the next round by a brilliant performance.

Bolton and Liverpool had a grim tussle at Bolton, and when the whistle blew after ninety minutes, no decision had been reached. In the extra time, however, Bolton piled on their biggest guns and ran out easy winners.

All the replays were completed, the results being:

Clapton Or.	0	Aston Villa	8
Cry. Palace	5	Millwall	3
Swindon	3	Burnley	2
Derby Cnty.	0	Blackburn	3
Bolton Wn.	5	Liverpool	3

The revised draw for the Fifth Round of the Competition to be played on February 16th, is as follows:

Reading	v.	Aston Villa
Huddersfield	v.	Crystal Palace
Swindon T.	v.	The Arsenal
West Brom. A.	v.	Bradford
Leicester	v.	Bolton Wndrs.
Blackburn R.	v.	Bury
Bournemouth	v.	West Ham
Chelsea	v.	Portsmouth

Four matches are in the South and four in the North or Midlands.

League Matches.

Two league matches were also played to-day, resulting as follows:

Division I.	
Manchester	6 Bury 4
Division II.	
Barnsley	0 Chelsea 1

—*Reuter*.

NANKING AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NEWSPAPERS ORDERED TO "PUBLISH."

Nanking, Jan. 30.

An interesting order has been issued by the Central Committee of the Kuomintang, requiring Chinese newspapers in Shanghai, Nanking and Peking to forego their usual New Year holidays, and to issue at least one sheet each day giving the more important news.

It is the usual custom for Chinese papers to take a week's holiday.

It is not known how South China will be affected by the order.

BRITISH MOTOR ATTEMPTS.

London, Jan. 30.

Major Segrave sailed from Southampton to-day for America, where he will make attempts upon the land and sea speed records.—*British Wireless*.

SNOW AT CANTON.

A Chinese report to a vernacular newspaper states that early in the morning, on Tuesday, snow began to fall in Canton, and that in the outlying districts trees and shrubs were covered with frost.

"ROYAL ARROW" TRAGEDY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

who had been in his cabin during the day had practically finished the rest.

Only Three Bottles.

Mr. Marton:—Between twelve and 2.30 is it your story that you only had three bottles of beer?—Yes.

Now you wouldn't get drunk on three bottles of beer; would you?—No.

Do you remember Mr. McDermott saying that when he came to your cabin at 2.30 p.m. he found you unfit for duty because you had had too much liquor?—I could feel that I had some drink, but I was not drunk.

Witness said that the first engineer did not say he was drunk, but merely said that he should take the watch at midnight.

Witness could not explain why the first engineer told him to change watches.

Answering another question, witness said he had also taken some neat whisky. It was about three inches in a coffee cup.

Witness later admitted that he was drunk.

The case was adjourned until next Tuesday.

BRITISH POLICY IN AFGHANISTAN.

THREE GOVERNMENTS BATTLING.

STRICT NEUTRALITY TO BE OBSERVED.

THE R.A.F. ACCIDENT.

New Delhi, Jan. 30.

Much of the alarm created by the reports that two of the giant troop-carrying planes engaged in the evacuation of Europeans from Afghanistan had met with disaster, has been dispelled by an authoritative statement to the effect that only one of the Victoria troop-carrying machines, which started from Peshawar for Kabul yesterday is missing.

Reconnaissance machines have failed to trace the machine or its occupants, and it will be difficult to find if it crashed as it appears to have been forced down in mountainous country.

A Hindal machine which started with the troop-carrier landed safely at the aerodrome at Kabul, but has been held up owing to lack of sparking plugs.

Others Setting Out.

Two more of the giant Victoria machines are due to leave Peshawar for Kabul to-day.

It is learned that the Foreign Office at Kabul has been re-opened and that the Amir Habibullah is maintaining friendly relations with all Legations.

All foreigners are courteously and impartially treated by Afghan officials.

India is placed in a most difficult position as the authorities are receiving contradictory instructions with regard to the supply of lorries and the sending of remittances, etc. from three conflicting Governments at Kabul, Kandahar and Jelalabad.—*Reuter*.

British Neutrality.

London, Jan. 30.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Labour leader, asked the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons to-day for a statement regarding the attitude the British Government proposes to adopt towards the present disturbances in Afghanistan.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied: "The Government has no intention of interfering in the internal affairs of Afghanistan by supporting or assisting any of the parties at present contending for power in that country."

"The British Government earnestly desire the establishment of a strong central government and will be prepared when that government is established to show their friendship for the Afghan people by giving such assistance as they can in the reconstruction and the development of the country."

Amanullah's Position.

"King Amanullah has formally announced his abdication to the British Government, and in consequence, until it is clear that despite his abdication he is regarded as their King by the people of Afghanistan generally, the British Government will be unable to regard his government as the rightful Afghan Government."

Sanctity Respected.

Asked what had been the attitude of the Afghan factions towards the British Mission or Consulates, Sir Austen said that the various parties had all respected the sanctity of the British Legation at Kabul although considerable material damage was done to the buildings in December when the Legation lay in the line of fire between the forces of King Amanullah and Habibullah Khan.

Similarly, the position of the British Consul at Jelalabad appeared to have been respected by all parties although there had been a report, not confirmed, that the Consulate had suffered damage in the course of the disturbances. No disturbances had taken place in the area of the British Consulate at Kandahar.

Germany's Thanks.

Replying to a question regarding the rescue of German nationals from Kabul by British aircraft, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he had received from the German Ambassador an expression of his warm thanks for the services rendered and the German Government had similarly expressed their thanks to the British Ambassador in Berlin, in the following communication: "They would take the opportunity of expressing to His Majesty's Government their sincere thanks for the assistance rendered by them and by the Indian Government in rescuing German women and children from Kabul in most difficult circumstances. The German Government requests that their thanks may also be conveyed to the Government of India."—*British Wireless*.

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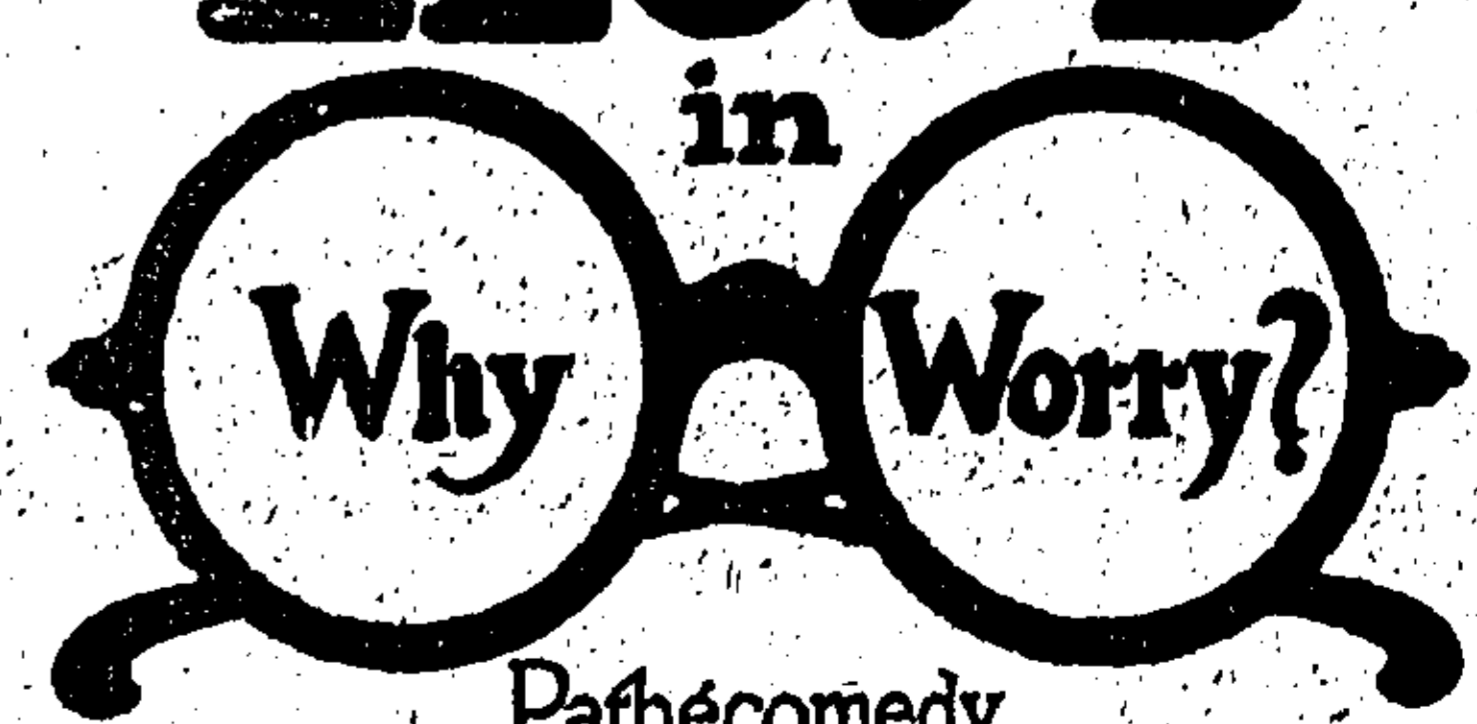
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